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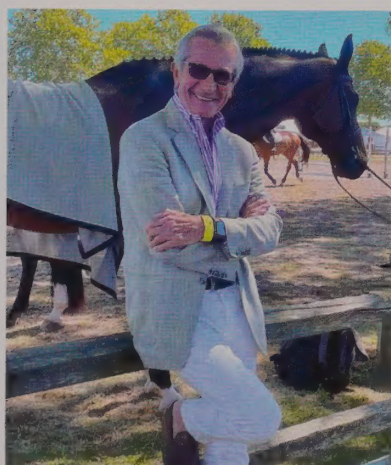
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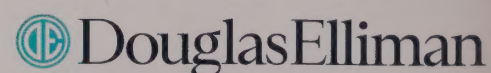


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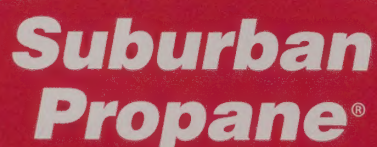


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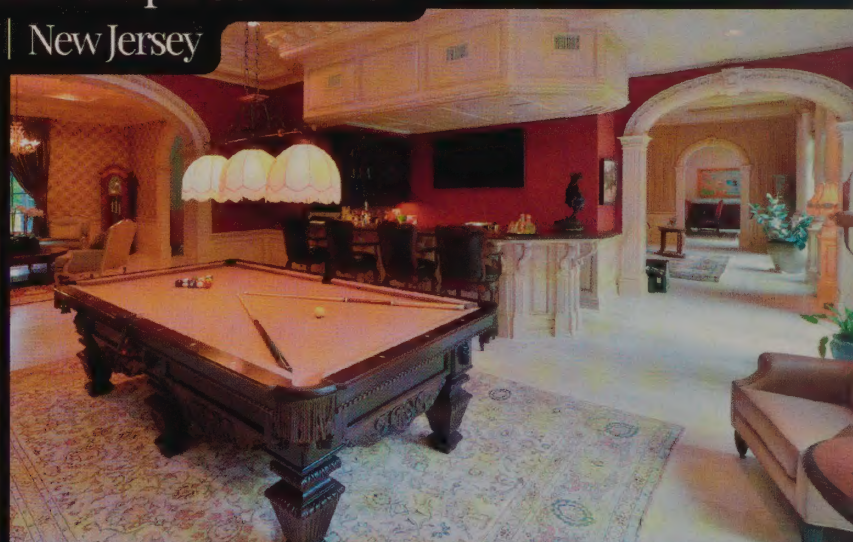
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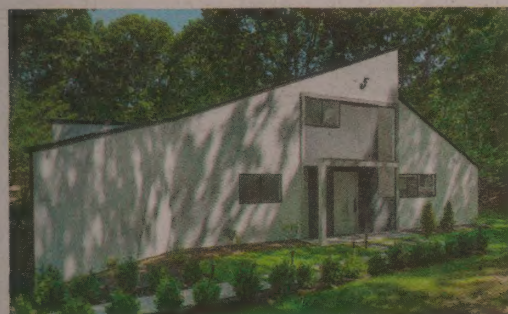
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# Having the "Attitude of Gratitude" this Holiday Season

By Catherine Canadeo

The holiday season is the most magical and wonderful time of the year—it deepens and inspires self-reflection, connections, soul nourishment, meaningful celebrations, and gratitude. But holidays can also come with high levels of stress as you face deadlines, last-minute gifting, to-do lists and the hustle and bustle of the season.

Instead of enjoying the "joys" of the season, we can easily be pulled into holiday stress. One way to beat this holiday stress is to practice the "attitude of gratitude." Gratitude is about feeling and expressing appreciation. We know that gratitude helps us appreciate life, improve our health, build strong relationships and handle stress. In fact, research shows having an attitude of gratitude is consistently associated with greater happiness.

So how can you focus on gratitude this holiday season? Here are some simple ideas you can practice every day:

1. Make a list of everything you have instead of things you want. The holidays are often focused on giving and receiving gifts. To increase your gratitude, make a list of things you already have. Count your blessings and record how it makes you feel to have these things in your life. Gratitude is about focusing on what we have rather than what we lack.
2. Practice acts of kindness. The holiday season is a wonderful time to help others who are less fortunate. Volunteering, donating to your local pantry, toys for needy children, helping at a homeless shelter, or baking for your elderly neighbor are simple and easy ways to show others that you care. As a bonus, while these acts of kindness serve

others, they also help to boost our mood and gratitude.

3. Plan and be more intentional. Planning is the first step for staying more mindful, intentional, and focused on what is important. It gives you the time and energy to think of different ways you can make gifting and the whole holiday experience more meaningful and joyful. Explore your why behind giving the gifts and think of what is significant to the recipient. Gratitude is about sharing your love and appreciation for the people you care about.
4. Give from the heart. Sometimes the best gifts aren't things, but life-changing experiences, heartfelt feelings, and authentic emotions. Show your love and remind someone how much you care about them and cherish your relationship. We often get caught up in our busy lives and take for granted the people that mean the most to us. Gratitude is sharing the gift of togetherness.
5. Give a gift to yourself. Take care of yourself first, slow down, find time for your mental and physical health, and pay attention to your emotional well-being. You will notice that taking care of yourself will help you be kinder to the people around you, stay more present, and enjoy meaningful moments instead of missing out. Be mindful of your self-care needs when it comes to your nutrition, sleep, exercise, meditation, relaxation, boundaries, work-life balance, relationships, and stress management. Embrace the spirit of this season and disconnect from social media and your work in order to connect. Give yourself



and the people around you the present of your presence. Give them your time, energy, and mindful attention. Remember to take time to be kind to yourself and keep your health and wellness a priority.

Gratitude enhances our well-being, and gives us a moment to pause, reflect, and appreciate. It disconnects us from negative thoughts and allows us to transition to positive energy and optimism. Giving thanks is a gift to yourself. When you start expressing gratitude for the good things in your life, you will find that gifts will follow every day.

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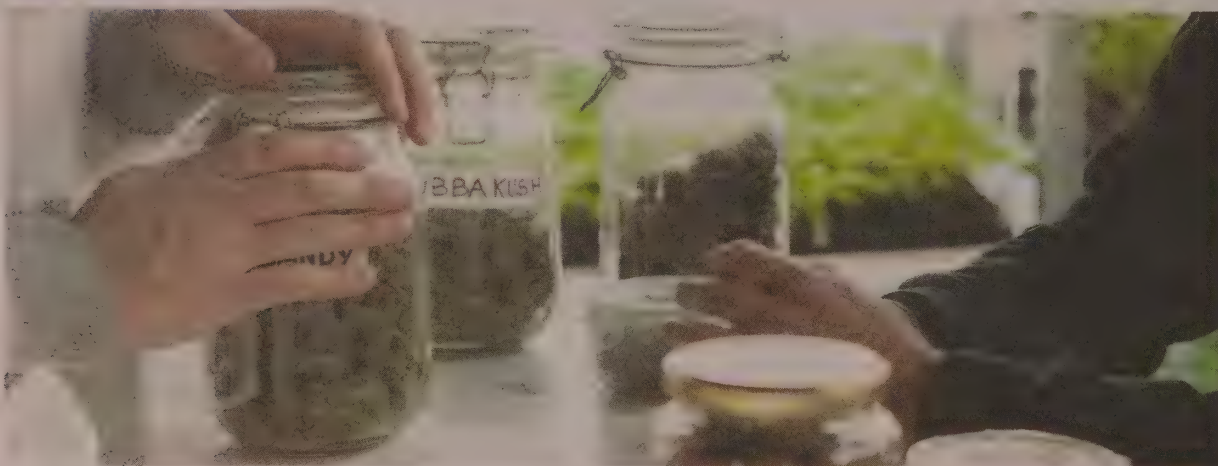


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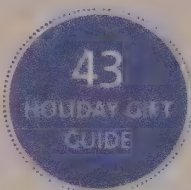
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If you miss the chance to reflect on the spirit of Thanksgiving due to the excitement of Black Friday, or you're simply distracted by all the pumpkin pie – you can make up for this lapse by adding a celebration of Giving Tuesday. Giving Tuesday lands five days after Thanksgiving and has been -- since 2012 -- a day for people to express generosity, with the belief that the giving spirit benefits us all. It's everyone's opportunity to put a little kindness and generosity out into the world.


It would be unlike me not to bring special attention to those who always offer more love and altruism than they could ever expect in return – our animal companions. We all know just how generous with affection and love our pets can be, and I honestly

can't think of a more worthy recipient of your seasonal philanthropy (if I could, perhaps I'd be working in a different field!). When your Black Friday and Cyber Monday holiday shopping is squared away, perhaps you'll discover a few bucks left in the budget to donate toward Bideawee's Giving Tuesday campaign which will support both pets AND the people who love them.

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If this is your first year observing Giving Tuesday, welcome to this wonderful celebration of the spirit of the season. There truly is no gift to match the feeling that comes from generosity towards others.

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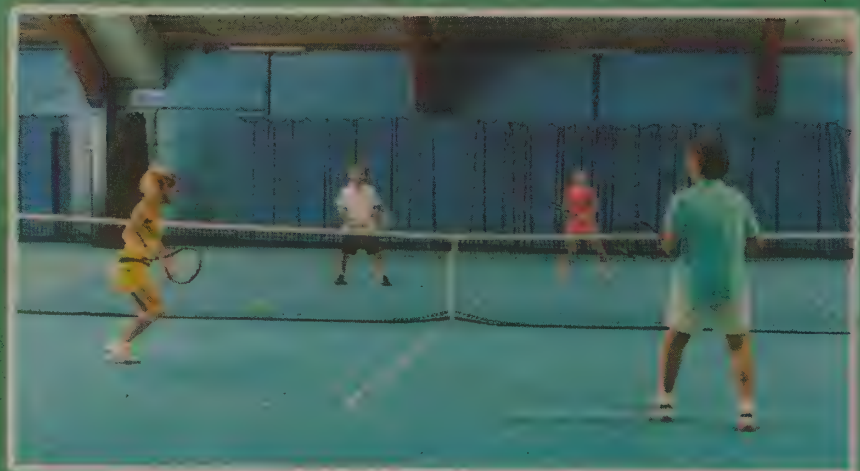
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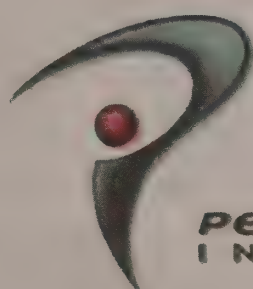
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BRADLEY COOPER

BY FLO ANTHONY

Currently in postproduction for his film *Maestro*, in which he portrays Leonard Bernstein, **Bradley Cooper** will next be starring in East Hampton resident **Steven Spielberg's** upcoming untitled movie. The project is an original feature based on the cop character Steve McQueen played in the

1968 hit *Bullitt*. The new screenplay is being written by **Josh Singer**, reports *Variety*. Cooper will produce the project along with Spielberg and **Kristie Macosko Krieger**. Executive producers are McQueen's granddaughter **Molly McQueen** and son **Chad McQueen**. Spielberg's semi-autobiographical film *The Fabelmans* opened in theaters earlier

this month. Deadline Hollywood was first to report that Cooper had been cast.

New York State Assemblymember **Rebecca Seawright** presented Eleanor Roosevelt High School on New York City's Upper East Side with a check for \$250,000 at the annual cultural potluck on November 4. Said Principal **Dimitri Saliani**, "Assemblywoman Seawright has been a champion for public education and a staunch supporter of ElRo High School." Seawright, who raised her children through the public school system and was a PTA activist, now sits on the NYS Assembly Education and Ways and Means committees, among others.

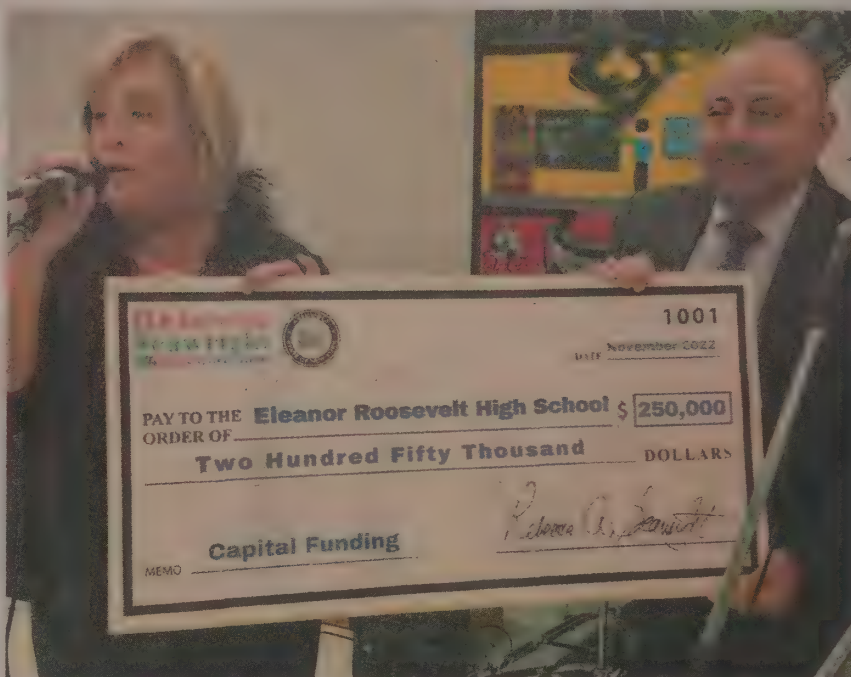
According to *OK! Magazine*, Amagansett resident **Andy Cohen** plans to keep enjoying the bubbly on CNN's New Year's Eve show with his pal **Anderson Cooper**. Following an article in *Variety* that had the headline, "CNN Plans to Sober Up Boozy New Year's Eve Coverage," the Bravolebrity announced on the November 16 episode of *Watch What Happens Live*, "The article does point out that Anderson and I are still allowed to drink. I just want you

to know Anderson and I are going to party harder than we have ever partied before on New Year's Eve! Do you understand me?" Cohen is referring to a point made in *Variety's* story that stated, "While Anderson Cooper will still be able to imbibe during primetime hours — along with his cohost Andy Cohen — while the duo holds forth in Times Square, correspondents and anchors who may have slurped down alcoholic concoctions on camera (or off) in the past will be required to halt the practice."

Just in time for the holidays, Amagansett resident **Bobby Flay** has collaborated with his daughter, **Sophie Flay**, on a new cookbook, *Sundays with Sophie: Flay Family Recipes for Any Day of the Week — A Bobby Flay Cookbook*, reports *People*. The father-daughter duo also recently teamed up on their Food Network series *Bobby and Sophie on the Coast*. Bobby Flay raves about a roasted sweet potato recipe that the cookbook offers, telling the outlet, "Sweet potatoes should be on every holiday table — they're certainly always on mine."

East Hampton resident **Beyoncé Knowles** led the way with an outstanding nine nominations for the

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ANDY COHEN AND ANDERSON COOPER

65th annual Grammy Awards, which will take place at the Crypto.com Arena in Los Angeles, on Sunday, February 5. In doing so, multiple outlets reported that the superstar singer, who already has 28 Grammys, tied her husband **Jay-Z** for the record for the most nominations of all time, with a total of 88. Rap mogul Jay-Z held the previous record of 83 and racked up another five, bringing the most powerful couple in entertainment to the same total.

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## We Hear ...

Southampton resident **Kathy Shilton** celebrated the launch of her holiday sleepwear collection by Sant and Abel on November 14 at her home in Bel Air, California. *The Real Housewives of Beverly Hills* cast member asked guests, who included



JAY-Z AND BEYONCÉ KNOWLES

**Kris Jenner**, to bring unwrapped toys to give to young people who have been admitted to the Children's Hospital Los Angeles, reports *Us Weekly*. Attendees also enjoyed baked potatoes with caviar courtesy of Caviar & Co.

**Sylvester Stallone** stopped by **Fresco** by **Scotto** in midtown Manhattan recently and noshed on a two-pound meatball. The Oscar-winning actor, who was in NYC to promote his new Paramount+ series *Tulsa King*, took time out to chat with *Good Day New York* cohost **Rosanna Scotto** and her sister **Alaina Scotto**, who own a home in Southampton. Stallone and his wife **Jennifer Flavin** recently reconciled following a short separation.

## Sightings ...

**Brooke Shields**, who owns a home in Southampton, at the Warner Bros. and HBO MAX holiday movies event in Burbank, California on November 16.

**Sagaponack** resident and producer/author **Padma Lakshmi** attending the '73rd National Book Awards in the NYC Financial District at Cipriani Wall Street on November 16.

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## ConnectOne Bank Celebrates East Hampton Opening at New Tutto Il Giorno

ConnectOne Bank celebrated the opening of its new office in East Hampton at 14 Main Street with a private party at Tutto Il Giorno's new, chic Tutto Cafe in East Hampton, owned by Gabby Karan De Felice and Gianpaolo De Felice (the former home of John Papas Cafe). ConnectOne CEO and Chairman Frank Sorrentino was on hand to greet local community leaders and business owners and everyone enjoyed the stunning atmosphere, cocktails and hors d'oeuvres at Tutto Cafe.

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East Hampton Village Mayor Jerry Larsen,  
Brad Billet, Gianpaolo De Felice



Frank Sorrentino (CEO, Chairman ConnectOne Bank), Nancy Sorrentino, Gabby and Gianpaolo De Felice (owners, Tutto Il Giorno)



Kevin Santacroce, Gary Krupnick



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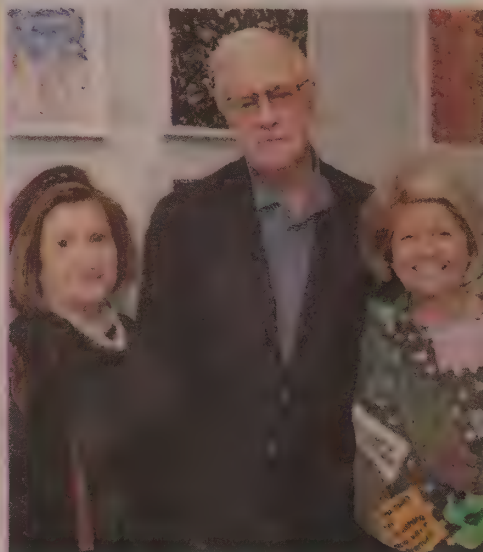
## Ted Hartley Show at Keyes Art Gallery in Sag Harbor

Actor, studio executive and artist Ted Hartley unveiled his newest exhibition, *Stories in Color*, at Keyes Art in Sag Harbor on Saturday, October 22. The celebration culminated with an intimate dinner at The American Hotel. The show runs through December 1. [juliekeysart.com](http://juliekeysart.com)

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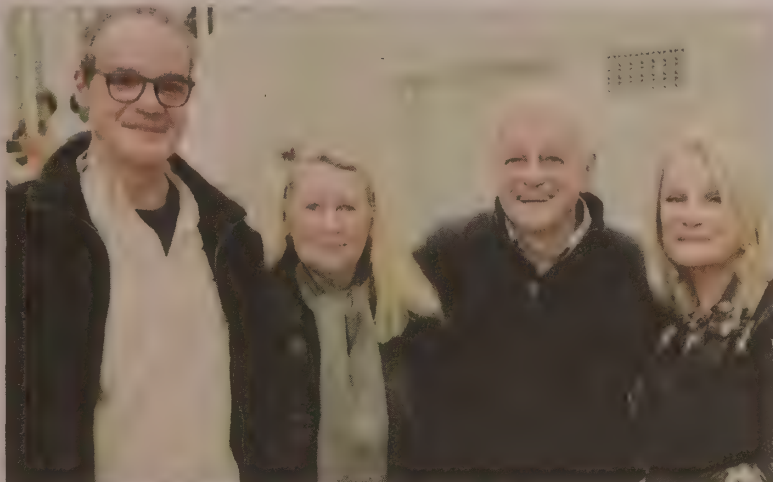
## Canoe Place Inn & Cottages Front Row Conversation

The newly restored Canoe Place Inn & Cottages in Hampton Bays held a Front Row conversation with author Alan Light and musician Mike Errico on November 10. Canoe Place has a storied history as one of America's oldest inns and a favorite stomping ground for Hollywood royalty, presidents and politicians. The newly reimagined property includes 20 guest rooms, five standalone cottages, beautiful landscaped grounds, a classic pool, bars and dining, and an exceptional art collection.

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Scott Williams



Mike Errico, Alexandra Penn Bibb, Porter Bibb, Angela Errico



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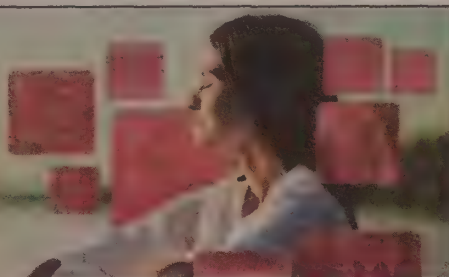
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# CAST's 3rd Annual North Fork Festival of Trees at Treiber Farms

The Center for Advocacy, Support & Transformation's (CAST) third annual North Fork Festival of Trees took place from November 18–20 at Treiber Farms in Peconic. Local artists and businesses decorated and designed trees and wreaths for auction to help raise funds for CAST which provides essential food relief and emergency assistance programs for over 900 families on the North Fork and Shelter Island. Peconic Bay Medical Center — Northwell Health was the presenting sponsor and many local businesses and community members supported the event.

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Peter Treiber Sr., Mimi Kneuer, Cathy Demeroto (CAST Exec. Director), Peter Treiber Jr.



Joann Brancato, Carol Menchini, Claire Spiezio



Lisa and David Cifarelli (Cifarelli's Nursery)



Elyse Filon, Irene Moshouris with the Dia de Muertos festival tree (Taqueria and Tequila Bar)



Kathy Perratta (Festival Judge) and Chris Perratta



Kayla Albano, Maya Albano, Ben Zaloga



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John McLane, Eileen McGuire (CAST festival VIP party organizer), Chris Ruggi



Tom Farrell, Katherine Wilcenski (Solstice Garden Co.)



Raluca Pindea (General Manager, North Fork Country Club), Eileen Oakley (Festival of Trees sponsor)



Festival Volunteers Rosanne Martini, Kimberly Strevney, Michele Gerowski, Tina Contento



CAST 3rd Annual Festival of Trees Committee Members

## Southold American Legion Post 803 Veterans Day Ceremony

The Southold American Legion Griswold Terry Glover Post 803 hosted a ceremony to commemorate Veterans Day on Friday, November 11. The service paid tribute to all U.S. Military veterans and active members of the U.S. Armed Forces.

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Suffolk County Legislator Al Krupski



Southold Town Assessor Major Charles Sanders and Southold Town Supervisor Scott A. Russell



North Fork NJROTC Senior Instructor Major Bill Grigonis



Joe Best, Dave Chiaro and Ray Mitchel performing the Trooping the Color ceremony



Retiring the Colors ceremony

## Joe Calderone Book Signing of 'Don't Look Back'

A book signing and discussion of *Don't Look Back* by Joe Calderone — a Queens native, former *NY Daily News* investigative reporter, and part-time Hampton Bays resident — took place at the Coral House in Baldwin. Calderone's debut novel has been hailed as a fictional thriller that aims to uncover the truth about why over 300 firefighters perished during the World Trade Center attack.



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# NEWS & VIEWS

## Ben Krupinski Builder Raises the Walls on Habitat for Humanity House for East Hampton Vet

BY TAYLOR K. VECSEY

The walls were raised Monday on a new affordable home in East Hampton for a U.S. Marine Corps veteran who is a single father raising a teenage son.

Habitat for Humanity (H4H) of Long Island, with house sponsor PSEG Long Island and build sponsor Ben Krupinski Builder, held a ceremony to mark the moment. Ray Harden and fellow principal Stratton Schellinger grew up in the area and are donating their company's time and expertise to oversee the home's construction, which will be completed in about three weeks as part of this year's Habitat Long Island 2022 Veterans Blitz Build.

"When I heard the new Habitat house would be for a local veteran, I said, 'We're in.' We are proud of Matt's service to our country and that he is an up-standing member of our community," Harden says.



THE REAR WALL OF THE HOME GOING UP.

"Building this house means he can continue to afford to live and work in the Town of East Hampton, where he grew up, and to see his son grow up here too. We appreciate the hard work of all who are working with us and are working alongside the Habitat team to make this happen." As the build sponsor, the firm will work with an array of local sub-contractors, and PSEG Long Island, which is the home sponsor for what is Habitat's 236th house on Long Island alongside veteran supporters from Team Rubicon and Southwire.

"I am so grateful for the opportunity to be part of the Habitat family," said Matt Charron, in a statement. He and his son, Jackson, are currently living in a basement. For the past 12 years, he has worked for *The East Hampton Star*. "Raising my son alone has been challenging in a small, crowded apartment. To actually help build our own house will be such a solid

foundation for us and partnering with Habitat and being chosen for a house is a life-changing event."

As the new homeowner, he will fulfill 300 hours of "sweat equity," helping to build his house at 50 Thomas Avenue and houses for other families in the program, according to H4H. *The Star* reports that he has spent many Saturdays volunteering with H4H of LI. As with other recipients, he will also go through financial preparation classes and volunteer for community service. Each homeowner signs a 30-year mortgage with 2% interest and H4H of LI holds a second mortgage.

"Partnering with Habitat Long Island will enable us to stay in the same community and put down roots," says Charron.

Ben Krupinski Builder is working with H.B. Millwork, Ned Stevens Gutter Cleaning, Palermo Paving, Quackenbush Cesspools, Window World and other subcontractors to complete the project.

"We are grateful to each sponsor, supporter and volunteer helping to make this new home a reality," says Lee Silberman, CEO and executive director for H4H of LI, which is based in Middle Island. "The Veterans Blitz Build program — which lets us build unique partnerships with builders, sponsors and volunteer groups — accelerates completion of new-build projects like this one." He adds, "We hope to have the opportunity to partner with other veterans in the future."

H4H of LI is an independently operated affiliate of H4H International.

## Sagaponack Second Most Expensive ZIP Code in the Country: Report

BY TAYLOR K. VECSEY

In a report out this month, Sagaponack has been listed as the second most expensive zip code in the country when it comes to real estate listings. Water Mill and Bridgehampton also made the top 10 on the list of the top 100 most expensive zip codes.

Every real estate listing advertised in the U.S. between January 1 and October 18, 2022, was pulled to calculate RealtyHop's third annual Most Expensive ZIP Codes Report. That's 3.64 million reports, sorted by ZIP code, which were then ranked by median price, to form a list of the most expensive markets in the nation.

For the third year in a row, the report put the 94027 ZIP code in Atherton, CA, a suburb of Los Angeles, as the most expensive ZIP code in the country thanks to a median price of \$9 million, an increase of 0.56% from \$8.95 million last year.

As for Sagaponack, its median listing price was \$6.972 million. With high-end listings like Dana Trotter's \$21.5 million listing or Hedgerow's \$34.5 million listing (since reduced to \$27.5 million), it's no wonder why it even places above Los Angeles' most famous ZIP code, 90210, which

came in third with a median price of \$6,699,500.

Last year, PropertyShark's top 100 ZIP codes list also had Sagaponack at the top.

Sagaponack saw a sizable median price increase this year, up 16.3% from 2021, when the figure was \$5.995 million.

Amagansett's 11930, which was 13th on the list, saw the largest median price increase this year — a whopping 39.46% — to \$4.25 million.

Overall, the list shows the market has grown more expensive in 2022. "The median price point out of the 100 most expensive ZIP codes is \$2,749,500, an increase of 11.03% from \$2,476,250 last year," according to the report. Sixty of the 100 ZIP codes now have a median price point of at least \$2.5 million, compared to 47 in 2021.

**More Hamptons Zip Codes Make the List** Water Mill came in at No. 6 on the list with a median price of \$5.5 million.

Bridgehampton's 11932 joined Sagaponack and Water Mill on the top 10 list, inching up the list into the 10th spot.

California still has the largest number of most expensive ZIP codes in any state with 59 making the list. "Los Angeles has

the highest number of expensive ZIP codes per city, with seven, followed by NYC and Newport Beach, with six each," the report says.

Quogue's 11959 came in 16th on the list with a median price of \$3,999,999, up 18.5% over last year when the number came in at \$3.374 million.

Wainscott's 11975 took the 36th spot with \$3,097,500, a small increase of 3.42% from last year.

In the 46th spot is the 11963 ZIP code, which it listed as Noyac, though it is a ZIP for all of Sag Harbor, including the village. The median price was \$2.795 million, a 24.36% rise from last year's \$2.247 million.

The 11960 ZIP code in Remsenburg, which *Behind The Hedges* recently reported as a newly discovered "secret" in the Hamptons, also made the RealtyHop list for the first time with a \$2.5 million median price.

The 11968 ZIP code, part of Southampton, was listed at 67th with a \$2.495 million median price.

The 88th spot went to 11937, which is all of East Hampton, but it was listed as simply Northwest Harbor. The median price was \$2,167,500.

Westhampton Beach made the list for the first time, coming in at 92nd with a median price of \$2.1 million.

Only 13 states in total made the 100 most expensive ZIP codes list. RealtyHop's report uses houses, townhomes, condos, co-ops, multifamily and triplexes to calculate the report.

# NEWS & VIEWS

## Aquebogue Man Charged With Making Terroristic Threats

BY ROBERT POZARYCKI

A North Fork man was one of two allegedly armed suspects arrested November 19 at Penn Station who New York City authorities said planned to harm members of the Jewish community.

Christopher Brown, 22, of Aquebogue, had been wanted for making terroristic threats against synagogues and allegedly “has a history of mental illness and has recently expressed interest in traveling to NYC to purchase a firearm,” according to an NYPD intelligence alert. The second suspect was identified as Matthew Mahrer.

“The NYPD’s exhaustive intelligence-gathering led to the arrest by sharp-eyed MTA police officers of two individuals entering Penn Station, in Manhattan, and the seizures of a large hunting knife, an illegal Glock 17 firearm and 30-round magazine, and several other items,” NYPD Commissioner Keechant Sewell said.

MTA arrested the pair and turned them over to the NYPD and the FBI, officials said.

Brown faces charges of making terroristic threats and criminal possession of a weapon. He was ordered held without bail. Mahrer, 22, of Manhattan, meanwhile, was booked on weapons possession charges; his connection to Brown remains under investigation.

Meanwhile, Sewell noted that the NYPD has “strategically” deployed “assets at sensitive locations throughout New York City” as an additional precaution.

“And I join all New Yorkers today in expressing my gratitude and pride for the ever-vigilant work of our NYPD women and men — who remain on-guard around-the-clock and every day to protect the peace and ensure no violence can ever come to the city and its people,” the commissioner added.

-Via amNewYork Metro



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## Flanders' Century-Old Brewster House Demolished

BY TAYLOR K. VECSEY

After years of neglect, the former Brewster House, once the symbol of Flanders' past as a destination for hunting, has finally been demolished.

On November 17, the last remnants of the former hunting lodge, which is said to have hosted guests like Franklin Delano Roosevelt (before he was president) and Al Capon, came down following several days of work, including asbestos abatement bulldozing.

This summer, the Southampton Town Board approved the purchase of the 1.8-acre parcel at 1380 Flanders Road, using \$400,000 from the Community Preservation Fund earmarked for water quality improvement purposes. In turn, the blighted building from the 1880s, once a hunting lodge, was torn down.

The house has long been a cause for safety concerns since the late 1980s when a fire badly damaged it. In recent years, developers contemplated restoring the property to its former glory as a hotel. At one time, plans for the Brewster House Hotel, an \$8 million project, even included an indoor pool, a small restaurant, a meeting room and a library-style coffee shop.

During the boarding house era — 1875 to 1920 — “Flanders also became well known throughout the greater New York area as a secluded retreat for sportsmen,” according to the Flanders Hamlet Heritage Area Report, which was published to provide a “historical sketch” in April of 2014.

Founded in 1880, Captain Robert W. Penney's Grove House, which would later become known as the Brewster House, was the area's “grandest hotel,” the report says. The exclusive Flanders Club, whose members were wealthy New York City businessmen, built a lodge and headquarters next to the hotel, later taking over its operations so that it could be reserved for its club members during the hunting and fishing seasons.

The Flanders Club — not to be confused with the Flanders Men's Club — owned 3,000 acres of marsh and upland around Flanders and leased another 7,000



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DUMPSTERS WERE FILLED WITH REMNANTS OF THE OLD BREWSTER HOUSE.

acres, “stocking the ponds and streams and raising thousands of game birds that were later released on club lands,” the report says. “This gave them exclusive hunting privileges on a majority of the lands from Canoe Place (site of the present day Shinnecock Canal) westward to Riverhead, and from Shinnecock Bay north to the Peconic Estuary.”

The Brewster family purchased Captain Penney's hotel and converted it to a 28-room boarding house in 1922, according to the report.

“But as the 1920s ‘roared’ towards a close in Flanders, so too did the period of prosperity that had existed for more than a century,” the report states.

The building was later used as police headquarters — Police Chief William Ashauer died by suicide there in 1959, according to the report.

The three-and-a-half-story blue building was described in a report as having central cross-gabled dormers accenting the front and side elevations and appendages to each side and the rear, as well as double-hung windows throughout. It had been added to and changed over the years, once sporting a full-width front porch. The asbestos shingles were the first to be removed during a visible abatement process over the past few weeks.

Gary Cobb, the founder of Flanders Village Historical Society, told the *Riverhead News-Review* in 2010 that beams in the structure's basement indicate that parts of it may date as far back as the 17th century.

## EH Town Appeals Airport Ruling

BY TIMOTHY BOLGER

The Town of East Hampton is appealing a recent Suffolk County court ruling that blocked the municipality from enacting flight restrictions at East Hampton Airport in Wainscott to address noise complaints. The town asked the Second Judicial Department of NY State Supreme Court's Appellate Division to overturn Paul J. Baisley Jr.'s October ruling that the town needed to perform an environmental review before moving forward with a plan to temporarily close

the airport in a bid to enact new rules on arrivals and departures. The case, in which the town said it is moving forward with an environmental review, was filed by Blade Air Mobility. It is one of seven lawsuits filed by more than 30 plaintiffs combined in response to the town's long-sought airport reforms.

Also pending in Suffolk court are suits from the Coalition to Keep East Hampton Airport Open, another from East Hampton Hangers Inc. and their co-plaintiffs, as well as cases filed by Long Island Airline LLC and the East Hampton GOP chairman.

Pending in Central Islip federal court is a case filed by the National Business Aviation Association Inc. Also, Curtis Air Taxi and Jobs Lane Aviation LLC have filed administrative proceedings against the town with the FAA and the Department of Transportation.

## DAN'S COLUMN

# F-14 fighters and Ukraine

BY DAN RATTINER

In early September, Iran announced its intention to buy 24 Russian fighter planes to help it modernize its air force. The fighters, called S-35s, are not fighter planes, however. But they are pretty good, a notch or two below America's best, and the Russians could probably spare some of them. The best in Iran's current air force are more than 30 years old. They are American-made F-14 fighters. All built at Grumman Aerospace Corp., the largest employer on Long Island at that time, and also the most advanced fighter jet in the world at that time.

This seems so very long ago from today's perspective. But back then, in the 1970s, the debut of the F-14 was sensational news. And we Long Islanders were very proud to have produced such an aircraft. The F-14 starred in the Tom Cruise movie *Top Gun*.

It also became famous because of some missteps made at that time by our President Jimmy Carter. A civil war had broken out in Iran. Fundamentalists were fighting to overthrow the Shah of Iran. So Carter, hoping to protect that ally, sold 79 F-14s to him. It was shocking that he did that. How could we justify giving our most technically advanced aircraft to others? None had been given before, not even to our ally Israel. Then, sure enough, the Shah was overthrown. And he fled to America. Thus these F-14 fell into the hands of Arabs who called America the Great Satan.

In those years, I was playing golf regularly with John Darden, one of the salesmen at Dan's Papers. We had to play on public golf courses. The private courses were all unavailable to us. He's Black. I'm Jewish. People were talking about these restrictive golf club policies as something wrong in the Hamptons. Which it was. It is not that way now.

At one point, I published an ad in the paper which featured a photograph of the two of us carrying our clubs and smiling at the camera as we walked down a path alongside the practice green at the very public nine-hole Poxabogue Golf Center in Sagaponack.

The photo caption read "Our goal: to play every golf course in the Hamptons. Dan and John, golf partners. We are both WASPs in the social register. Handicap About 15."

At the bottom was our telephone number at the paper. "Invite us to the National, the Shinnecock, or one of the others."

It could not have been more clear that we were not in the social register. But indeed, several younger members, enjoying our efforts, did invite us. And we played most of the exclusive clubs that year.

Now, learning of the Iranian plan to upgrade their air force, I was surprised to see that the F-14s were in use. They were not supposed to have gotten into use.

John Darden, before working at the paper, had been an engineer at Grumman assigned to accompany the F-14s transferred to the Shah in order to teach the Iranian pilots how to operate them. He told me about it.

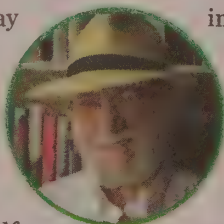
"I was there for five months," he said. "We had



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instruction manuals, spare parts, black-board discussions, and hands-on classes as we tried to teach the Iranians about these very complex fighter planes. But it was difficult. One reason was an Iranian air force rule that if you broke any part of one of these airplanes, even accidentally, you yourself had to pay to get it fixed. I recall

one pilot pressing the seat eject button while the plane was still on the tarmac. The canopy flew off, the pilot shot up high and then floated down under a parachute. We never saw him again."

Darden also told me that yes, he and the other Americans, guests of the Shah, did play golf in Iran. The courses were just desert, with sticks in the sand. And then one morning, he and the other Americans had to be hustled back to America.

"We fled Iran with all our manuals, spare parts and teaching gear," he says. "There was no way anyone was ever going to fly the F-14s without them."

Well, according to the news release last week, fly them they did. Though the pilots do have trouble with them. Many have crashed. One in June in the city of Isfahan. Only about 40 remain.

And here's a local story about the war in Ukraine. It involves me, Amazon and a sticker I bought to put on the front lid of my laptop.

There's a whole big market for laptop stickers, mostly, I think, consisting of high school or college kids who want to jazz up their computers. I'm

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not one of them. But, having bought a backup laptop for my regular one, I decided the other day to decorate it with a sticker. Scrolling through available laptop stickers on Amazon — sunsets, flowers, paintings, fish, road maps and sailboats, I decided upon something from nature. It's a scene of a forest with a giant bear strolling along through it. It cost \$22.

With Amazon, of course, you don't usually know where what you are buying comes from. But occasionally there are exceptions. This was one of them.

This sticker came from Kyiv, Ukraine. It was sent last spring while the Russians were storming small suburban towns surrounding that capital city to burn, pillage, rape and kill while shelling the buildings and infrastructure in the capital with their big guns from afar.

Whether the person who sent me this laptop sticker had created it — I now realize it's intended to show a giant Russian bear lumbering through the forest — I do not know. What I do know is that Marina Sillnaka received my order, rolled up the sticker into a cardboard tube and took off through rubble and maybe smoke and flames, to a customs office. Official export stamps and forms were signed in both English and Ukrainian, and in a few days, it was flown out of the country and off to me.

Here is a photograph of the sticker on my laptop. God bless that woman and all the other brave heroes of Ukraine. Carrying on business as usual.

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JARS FULL OF DRIED CANNABIS WILL SOON FILL THE SHELVES OF RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA DISPENSARIES

# NY OKs Marijuana Retail Licenses, Unclear When Pot Shops Will Hit East End

BY TIMOTHY BOLGER

New York State regulators gave weed dealers the green light to set up shop, but local municipalities in the East End's pot district have yet to approve locations establishing the state's first-ever legal recreational marijuana dispensaries.

Of the 36 licenses that the state Cannabis Control Board (CCB) approved statewide on November 21, six of the winning entities are to do business on Long Island, with more to come when regulators plan to issue another 139 out of a pool of 900 applicants. Only individuals with prior cannabis-related offenses — or who are the family member of someone with one — and who have a record of a successful business or nonprofit were eligible for Conditional Adult-Use Retail Dispensary (CAURD)

licenses.

"Today is a monumental day for New York's nascent cannabis industry," said Tremaine Wright, who chairs the CCB. "With the first adult-use retail dispensary licenses in the hands of businesses and eligible nonprofits, we've ensured the first sales will be made at dispensaries operated by those impacted by the unjust enforcement of cannabis prohibition."

The development is a significant step forward for the state, which became the 16th nationwide to legalize recreational marijuana for adults older than 21 last year — and is now among 21 states, plus Washington, D.C. to end prohibition on pot. Only four town governments on Long Island — Riverhead, Southampton, Brookhaven and Babylon — decided not to opt out of allowing pot shops and cannabis cafes to operate within

their borders, but none have received paperwork seeking to open brick-and-mortar locations from the new retail licensees. Although some are expected to open by the end of the year, it may take longer than that on Long Island.

"We have not put zoning in place yet," said Southampton Town Supervisor Jay Schneiderman, noting that the Shinnecock Indian Nation's Little Beach Harvest dispensary is slated to open next year regardless, since the tribe is not under town jurisdiction. "Therefore there is nowhere yet to apply."

Earlier this month, the Town of Riverhead passed zoning rules that prohibit retail or on-site consumption establishments to be located near a school, playground, or daycare center, among other facilities and rules. Babylon is considering similar rules. And

when the Town of Brookhaven opted in, it limited such establishments to industrial areas.

Regardless of physical restrictions on retail locations, at least one of the half dozen LI reefer retailers — a company called Strain Stars — advertises itself as offering delivery. And that is perfectly legal anywhere on Long Island and can get started sooner, according to the state Office of Cannabis Management (OCM).

"We will be issuing guidance on delivery in the coming weeks so those awarded today can get started," said Freeman Klopott, an OCM representative. "Delivery can occur in any area, regardless of opt out."

In addition to Strain Stars, the other five ganja retailers coming to LI — Albert D. Capraro, Brian Stark Enterprises LLC, Hydro Phonics, Keep It A 100

## NEWS &amp; VIEWS



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WHERE AND WHEN RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA DISPENSARIES WILL OPEN REMAINS TO BE SEEN

LLC and Root 13 LLC — either could not be reached or were not immediately available for comment.

A court ruling earlier this month has delayed the CCB from approving dispensaries in some parts of the state — LI is not affected — amid a legal dispute over licensing criteria. Nevertheless, officials said they would issue the remaining licenses as quickly as possible.

With the first licenses now issued, it remained to be seen whether officials would step up their efforts to go after scores of unauthorized dispensaries opened in the past year by people who struggled at licensing requirements.

The cannabis board also advanced proposed regulations for the sale of marijuana, with a focus on public health, product quality and safety and preventing those under 21 from buying cannabis. The CCB additionally approved licenses for eight cannabis processing facilities, three labs and 16 additional cultivators, although their identities were not immediately released. Of more than 250 pot farms approved statewide, nearly a dozen are on the East End.

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New York has also planned a \$200 million public-private fund to aid “social equity” applicants to help redress the ravages of the war on drugs, especially in communities of color. Non-profits were considered for licensure if they had a history of serving current or formerly incarcerated people, among other requirements. Housing Works, a New York City nonprofit, said the license it got would allow it to continue its work helping low-income New Yorkers living with HIV or AIDS.

“It was clear to us that sales from the legal recreational cannabis industry

would allow us to help more people and increase services to our clients whether that is supporting those that have been unjustly incarcerated in the War on Drugs, or people experiencing homelessness and/or living with HIV/AIDS,” the agency said in a statement.

Many members of the CCB and members of the public who attended the meeting heralded the first CAURD licenses as a win not only for the state’s economy, but also as a triumph for social justice. In March, Gov. Kathy Hochul announced the Seeding Opportunity Initiative — which aimed to equip

individuals with prior cannabis-related criminal offenses the opportunity to make the first legal marijuana sales with products by New York farmers.

Christopher Alexander, the executive director of OCM, said one of the defining components of the Seeding Opportunity Initiative moving forward will be identifying communities that are disproportionately impacted by both cannabis-related offenses and bureaucratic red tape. He said the office is trying to give those groups — primarily people of color and women — more of an opportunity to apply and receive licensure in starting their own dispensaries.

“We believe many of their stories will demystify a long-neglected and demonized community that has played a significant role in building New York’s pre-existing cannabis market,” he said. “The data is irrefutable. Nowhere in this country was the enforcement of cannabis prohibition weaponized more methodically against under-resourced communities than right here in New York.”

—With Associated Press and Camille Botello of The Bronx Times

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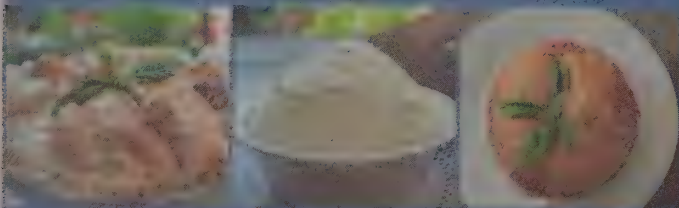
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# REAL ESTATE

## New Owners Aim to Usher in New Era at Westhampton Beach Movie Theater

BY TAYLOR K. VECSEY

The Westhampton Beach movie theater, shuttered for more than two years, has a new group of owners who are planning for a full renovation that they hope will usher in a new era for the beloved space.

"When we talked about doing this, the first thing we had in mind was our community," says Inge Debyser, a Westhampton Beach resident and businesswoman, who is one of four partners who made the investment.

Their company, Enthusiasm LLC, purchased the theater at 2 Brook Road back in April for \$1.15 million. While they were debating between two names, they have decided to go with Sunset Theater, a name inspired after they discovered arches made to look like sunsets after taking down old wooden wall paneling in the lobby. "Hence the building showed us it's the new name — Sunset Theater," says Debyser.

The original theater, the Hampton Star Theatre at Six Corners, as the area was known, opened in 1927, though the building was lost in a fire and the theater reopened in the 1940s.

The Hampton Arts Cinema, as it has been known in recent years, was cleaned out in mid-2020, at the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, and the marquee has simply read "closed" ever since. The last known owner, Harvey L. Kaylie, an innovator in the radio-frequency/microwave industry who had a home in the area, died in 2018, and the theater's future was unclear as the building was marketed as retail space.

Enthusiasm LLC's plans call for the renovation of the two-screen cinema with a bar on the second floor. The number of seats in the theaters will be reduced — from 598 to 385 — to accommodate the bar and also because the owners are looking to install more comfortable seats. "The old seats are beyond repair (anyway)," Debyser says.

### Movie Theater Plans

On behalf of the limited liability company, Westhampton Beach architect Nicholas Vero appeared before the Westhampton Beach Planning Board on Thursday, November 10, seeking a waiver of site plan approval for façade alterations in conjunction with the renovation of the existing movie theater. He was met with plenty of enthusiasm — board members even used the word since it was in the LLC's name.

The board noted improvements to the building and the movie theater were appreciated. "A destination piece," all agreed it should be.

Vero's plans call for replacing the vinyl façade with something more modern, like a Hardy board, while remaining white. The windows will also be replaced, Debyser says. "The brown ugly columns will be taken care of," she says with a laugh.

"We need to bring it up 2022 standards," she says

of plans to make the building ADA-accessible, to add an elevator, upgrade bathrooms and make improvements by way of digital equipment.

In a recent interview, Debyser, who has been in the contracting business for a decade and holds a real estate license, says she was reading a *Behind The Hedges* article earlier this year about the movie theater being for sale and its long past. "I read it twice and the history of the theater," she recalls.

"It really brought me into a nostalgic kind of mood. I thought it would be such a shame if it got sold" and no longer was a movie theater, she says, adding that preservation and community are important to her. A native of Belgium, she lived in New York City until her family grew and they moved out east full-time.

Her partners are also connected to the community. While she declined to name them, she notes they are all women in various other businesses. One partner is in the restaurant/bar business in New York City, another has an interior design background. The fourth is a silent investor. All four have a connection to the Westhampton area, with two living there full-time and the other two having secondary homes here for at least 15 years.

"The stars aligned," she says, to bring them together, and they were quickly able to make an offer — though they had to pay slightly over the asking price of \$1.1 million, since there were two other parties interested. "It all went fast," she recalls.

Two weeks later, they hired Vero with the idea of preserving and restoring the building as much as possible. "We did give him one thing — a picture of the Hampton Star that was provided in the article," she says.

They wanted to capture an Art Deco look. "If you think about a movie theater in a nostalgic kind of way you think of Art Deco," she says. It became their "mood book," she says.

With the planning board preparing a favorable decision for the site plan waiver, the investors' next stop will be the village architectural review board to go over the details of the façade. "We're not trying to reinvent the wheel. We are trying to get the front side, give it curb appeal," she says.

"Then of course we need to do all the work," she says.

People have been asking her, "Will it be open by Memorial Day?"

"It's not going to happen," she says. "It's a big undertaking. It will take as long as it needs to take. We are giving it our full attention." They immediately sought and received a permit for an emergency repair of the roof. "When the theater closed down, the roof was in bad shape. Nobody fixed three prominent roof leaks — we did that," she says.

### Business Plan in the Works

Debyser admits that while she and her fellow in-



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vestors have no experience whatsoever in the movie theater business, so they are still working on their business plan.


It's not an easy business, and she says she understands why a lot of small theaters are closing. "The bulk of the ticket pricing goes to licensing and distributors," she explains. "That is why it is a dying business."

They hope to model at least the structure of the theater after seeing the successful Sag Harbor Cinema restoration, which was undertaken by a nonprofit after the fire in the building in 2016. "They have a bar, a couple of theaters, a concession that is more modernized," she says, adding that as of now they are not looking to form a nonprofit.

"It's one thing to be in a nostalgic mood — we all live here and we love our village," she says.

"We are also going to have to make it work," she says, adding they are looking for ways to be creative. They are committed to making a long-term investment in "our community."

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# ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

## Honoring This Week's Cover Artist: Amy Zerner

BY DAVID TAYLOR

This week's mesmerizing cover art comes to us from Amy Zerner, East Hampton's renowned collage artist, author, jewelry designer and fashion designer of "spiritual couture." Here, she discusses the art on this week's cover ("Earthwatch"), the deep meaning of her art and the distinct chapters of her fascinating art career.

**What inspired you to create "Earthwatch," and how did you decide on the work's colors and design details?**

The themes of universal energy and the spiritual wisdom of our world's diverse cultures have fascinated me since childhood. I empower every one of my collages, both fabric and paper, to remind us that we must honor and conserve the planet. I like to use color, surface design and textural richness to portray the intricate energies that interact to create the natural world, connections to our ancestors and fertile, life-giving sacred sites. I wanted this piece to honor the First People's strength, beauty and resiliency, and respect for the land. They gave thanks every minute of every day. The figure is an archetype of a successful, strong, intuitive leader who can help guide us in difficult times.

I love this quote: "Humankind has not woven the



AMY ZERNER

web of life. We are but one thread within it. Whatever we do to the web, we do to ourselves. All things are bound together. All things connect." - Chief Seattle

You can see my "Earthwatch" tapestry in the current show at MM Fine Art in Southampton called *Art for Giving*, which is up through December 25.

**What does your creative process typically look like, and what do you enjoy most about that process?**

As a collage artist, I assemble my palette of fabrics, imagery, markers, trims, scissors, beads, paints and a host of found objects, and orchestrate them into my imagined visions. My two-story studio is floor-to-ceiling bins and boxes of materials that I have collected for 40 years from local flea markets and thrift shops.

I use these components in my work to suggest trees, bridges, portals, mountains and a host of other forms. The image is built up as the mix of magic and media brought together. Every time I make a work of art, I am ready for a new adventure.

Collage is a very therapeutic technique because it is a creative and spontaneous process. It allows me to be open to my soul language or metaphors and symbols. That is why I love to make art all the time, because it is such a healing, mystical experience. The spiritual nature of creativity involves our allowing the soul of what we wish to accomplish to sing itself into our hearts and minds.



AMY ZERNER'S "GOOD KARMA" (47" X 47")

**How would you describe your iconic art style, and how have you developed it?**

I have a passion for beautiful, exotic, interesting and unusual textiles. In my artwork, I treat fabrics and the other materials like a painter does their paint palettes, creating surreal dreamscapes with collaged elements, adding details with paint, drawing, piecing, topstitching and vintage embellishments. My vision was confirmed in 1986 when the National Endowment for the Arts awarded me a fellowship in the category of Painting, not Crafts, the first artist in NEA history to break down the painting/crafts barrier.

I like to think of myself as a collector of ancient truths and wisdom as well as fabrics, trims, treasures and found objects. Upcycled; repurposed, sustainable, handmade "slow" art and fashion — these are popular movements right now but since the 1970s they have always been the goal, objective and intention behind my work.

**Could you talk a little more about the themes and ideas this week's cover art, and your work as a whole, explores?**

The First Peoples believed that everything in Nature, every stick and inanimate object as well as all animals and plants, had its own essence and power. We are all united in a collective consciousness — threads, patterns and layers connected in mysterious ways. We are all part of the tapestry of life and need to be mindful so that we can walk the path together, in a natural world where growth is organic, free, magical and unfettered. New possibilities, ancient themes and portraying the miraculous energy that is in every moment we are alive — this is what my art is all about (along with unexpected juxtapositions!).

**What do you find most rewarding about being an artist and sharing your art?**

I believe in the ancient tradition that art must be everywhere, in our home, on our garments — and in our hearts, as well. Being an artist, fashion designer and author allows me the freedom to always be pushing forward, trying something new, taking my



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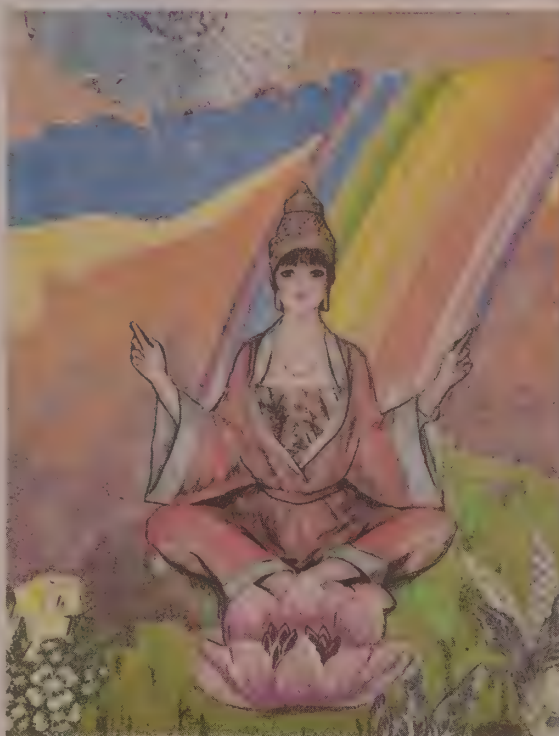
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art and myself to a new level. My husband, Monte Farber, and I try to share our inspiration, creativity and what we consider to be useful and valuable in our lives in our more than 50 published works.

All of my work is about the power of our intuition. That little voice is trying to guide you, but you have to know how to listen for it. You have to exercise your intuition the way you exercise your body. You have to practice it, and that's how we know what the next step is. We must find our way to see, sense and know what's real. And even though my work looks like fantasy, from my point of view I'm dealing with the real, scientifically documented world of energy. And that's what both art and life is all about.

**What do you consider the greatest achievement of your art career, and is there a specific goal you'd still like to accomplish?**

I come from a family of artists and so I never doubted what I would do. I have always been an artist and am so grateful for my gifts and blessings. In my 20s, I found love with my amazing soulmate Monte (48 years together), sharing a passion for each other and for creativity, spirituality, astrology and the tarot. In my 30s, we started writing books and creating oracles about those subjects (now over



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In my 40s, I started designing artful goddess couture clothes. My one-of-a-kind art-embellished fashions have been exclusive to Bergdorf Goodman and their parent company, Neiman Marcus, for 22 years. In my 50s, I started designing talismanic jewelry (also sold at Bergdorf).

In my 60s, I continued to make and exhibit my art and continued to learn and write and teach about love, creativity, divination, wellness and mindfulness with Monte. Now I am in my 70s and very excited about my new creative work and projects, including a documentary about us. We were recently approached by Hollywood producer Annmarie Sairrino to do a documentary about us and our work and how our love feeds our creativity.

**Would you like to share any closing thoughts or additional information?**

This year our book *Enchanted Worlds: The Visionary Collages and Art Couture of Amy Zerner* was published by Schiffer Publishing. The design of the book is comprised of many unique variations of my art and fashion, with impressions and text from Monte, focusing on the themes which have so often stimulated our creations.

We just had *The Intuition Oracle* (Sterling Ethos) and *The Art of Affirmations* (REDFeather) published, both designed to energize the reader's own creative and intuitive gifts and enhance their spiritual practices to bring more mindfulness and enchantment into their lives. And we have three more new books coming out in 2023.

I will be exhibiting five major works at the Mash Gallery in Los Angeles. The show opens January 14 and is called *Fields of Innocence*.

To see more of Amy Zerner's art, books, couture and more, visit [amyzerner.net](http://amyzerner.net).

## ARTS &amp; ENTERTAINMENT

# Stargazer Is Back, Completely Restored and Rebuilt



LINDA SCOTT'S "STARGAZER"



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THE FULLY RESTORED "STARGAZER"

BY OLIVER PETERSON

If there's one thing East Enders can be thankful for this Thanksgiving weekend, it's seeing late artist Linda Scott's iconic "Stargazer" sculpture returned to its former glory, just in time for the holidays.

The massive, 50-foot sculpture of a deer with a branch in its mouth — located at DeLalio Sod Farms in Manorville since 1991 — is finally as it should be after years of being held together with patches and repairs. While the monumental sculpture, which marks the gateway to the Hamptons for most drivers heading east from NYC, has come back from serious storm damage and decay over the last decade, this is the first time builder David Morris has given it a complete restoration that should last for many years.

He finished the job last Thursday, November 17, and it was no small feat.

"Everything that was there before except for the steel was taken off and redone, stripped down to the bare bones," he says, describing the extent of work required to properly refurbish the beloved landmark. "It's exactly the exact same shape. I painstakingly made it the exact same. Exactly. If you look at it you'll see," explains Morris, who was partners with Linda Scott and helped fabricate "Stargazer" according to her vision when it first went up more than 30 years ago.

After Scott died of cancer in 2015, Morris made it his mission to ensure her legacy lives on through the towering sculpture.

First, he patched holes and repainted spots as damage occurred, but eventually the real work became

about raising funds to fix it properly, while also setting things up so "Stargazer" will be cared for even after he's gone — and thanks to a number of donors, including a few key players, Morris has done just that.

The Manes American Peace Prize Foundation, run by Lindenhurst orthopedic surgeon Dr. Harvey Manes, donated the bulk of necessary funds, to the tune of \$100,000, last fall, and FLAG Art Foundation in Manhattan gave \$50,000, all of which is managed and protected by a Brooklyn-based nonprofit called the Arete Living Arts Foundation. Additional pledges were given through [lindascott.org](http://lindascott.org) and the "Stargazer" GoFundMe page.

Along with the monetary donations, Sherwin Williams gave paint, GO Solar donated lighting, and Morris says Ed Quiros of Stucco of the Hamptons was instrumental in getting the sculpture over the final hurdle this month by coating it with beautifully applied stucco, which has a relatively smooth surface that should keep the structure protected for years to come.

Morris says that they had to innovate beyond the sculpture's original construction methods due to issues such as trapped moisture causing the wood to rot from the inside out.

"What I planned originally was doing it the exact same way, but the old way of doing the stucco is putting on a foam backer underneath and that failed — it was a new-age type thing like 30 years ago, and then they found out the condensation has lots of problems," he says. "So we did it a new way with drain backer and everything. We actually did real stucco," Morris continues, adding, "An acrylic stucco is the last coat,

like a top coat. ... That's why it's so expensive. It's very complicated the way they did it, and they did a wonderful job."

Stucco of the Hamptons owner Ed Quiros says "Stargazer" is now designed with a layer of one-inch concrete stucco on wire mesh over drainage mat with two coats of flexible, rubberized material to seal it all in and protect from hairline crack as the sculpture expands and contracts or shifts in the wind.

Quiros points out that he did the original stucco on "Stargazer" back in 1991, and there have been many advancements in his trade since then. He says he wanted to help with the restoration, partly for bragging rights and to do something for the community, but also because it was a unique challenge.

"Basically all the customers I've had over the years from Manhattan, New Jersey or whatever, they have properties out in the Hamptons, and they would use that monument as a landmark to say, 'OK we're here in the Hamptons,'" Quiros says, also noting, "I was very proud of being part of this project again. I was part of it when it was built (in 1991) and this time around as well. Hopefully this time it will last 100 years or more."

"It's finished. Finally completed," Morris says giving special thanks to Harvey Manes, FLAG Art Foundation and Stucco of the Hamptons, who made it possible, remarking later, "It hasn't been easy."

Visit [lindascott.org](http://lindascott.org) to learn more about "Stargazer" and the artist who made it, and to donate for future upkeep and stewardship of this unforgettable roadside icon.

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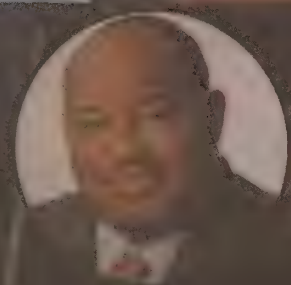
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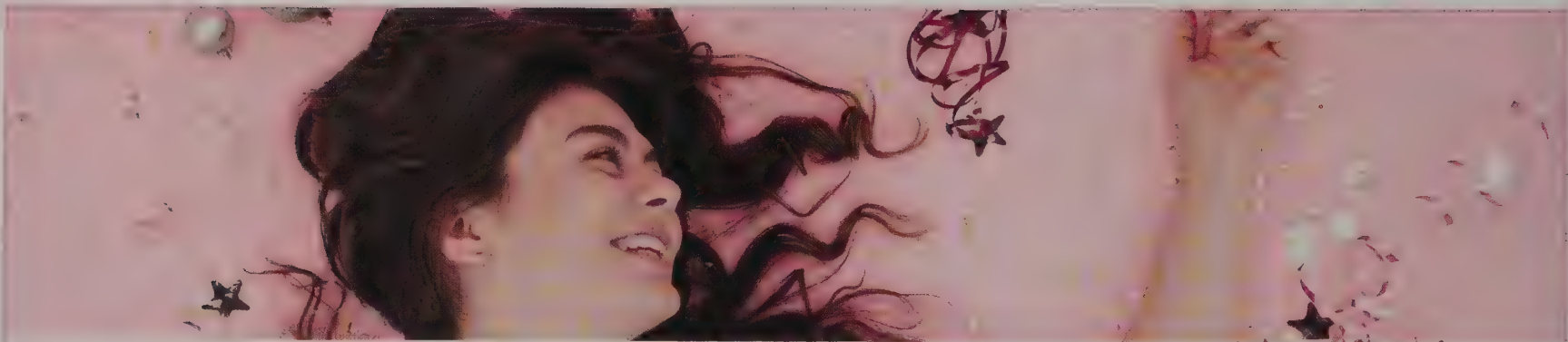


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## HOLIDAY GIFT GUIDE

# Giving the Gift of Luxury

BY DAVID TAYLOR



## 1. BEYOND THE BEATEN PATH TREASURES

One-of-a-kind gifts, such as these ornate jewelry pieces, are just Beyond the Beaten Path. This designer's resource offers an eclectic mix of new and vintage treasures — unique artisan jewelry and designer pieces, as well as a fabulous collection of vintage clothing and accessories, home furnishings, lighting and much more. Inquire about these items at the Eastport boutique. 495 Main Street, Unit D, Eastport. 631-325-2105, Instagram: @BeyondHamptons

## 2. SPREZZATURA NAPLES TWO-PIECE TOP & SKIRT

Just because the best gift-giving holidays are in the winter, doesn't mean gifts should be limited to the coldest of seasons. Give your special someone a head start on their summer wardrobe with this chic, versatile two-piece. This crop top and skirt combo, available for \$249, features elegant macrame details, with stylish fringe on the sleeves and a lace high-low skirt. Worn together or separate, dressed up or down, these pieces look fabulous. SprezzaturaNaples.com

## 3. GIFT CARD FOR THE SPA AND SALON AT EAST WIND LONG ISLAND

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## 4. FRANCES VALENTINE TOOTSIE

The pinks and greens of the Tootsie in basketweave plaid woven wool offer a fun spin on a classic barrel silhouette, and if that doesn't catch the eye of your friends, the rhinestones on the straps certainly will. Inside the bag is enough space for all your everyday essentials, with an interior slip pocket for your black card. Made in Italy, the Tootsie can be purchased at Frances Valentine for \$398. 42 Jobs Lane, Southampton. 934-222-0049, FrancesValentine.com

## 5. LI-LAC CHOCOLATES CHRISTMAS BASKET

We all know one or several chocolate lovers, and when Christmas rolls around, the ideal gift is obviously chocolate. But if you're looking to wow with such a simple gift idea, go all-out. Li-Lac Chocolates' Spectacular Christmas Basket offers a varied selection of one dozen milk and dark chocolate treats — including a French assortment, peppermint bark, chocolate toy soldier, gourmet chocolate bar, chocolate Oreos, chocolate holiday tree, chocolate Christmas balls, Snowcap nonpareils, tree pop and snowman pops — all festively packaged in a sturdy, 15-inch-tall woven basket. This Christmas basket is \$295 plus shipping and ships in 24 hours. 212-924-2280, Li-LacChocolates.com

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## 7. JADE TRAU POPPY LINE DROPS

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8. OLIVIA PRECKEL NOELLA PANTS

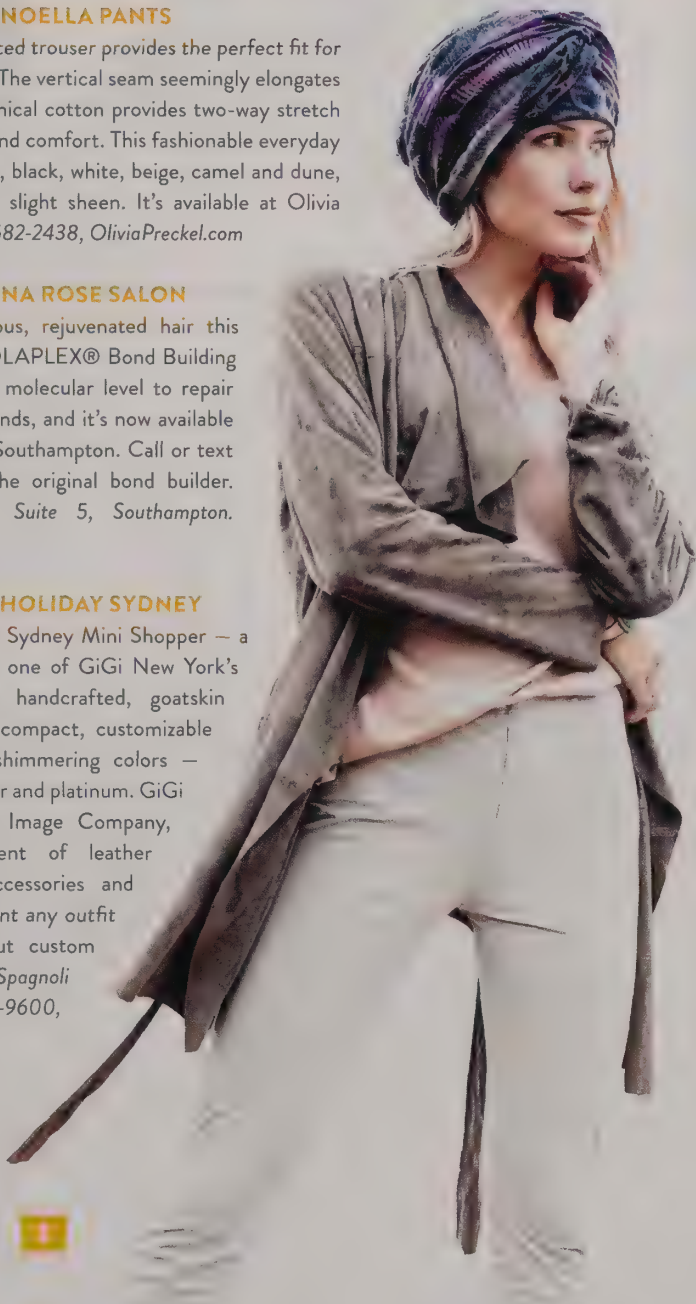
This slim, highly elasticated trouser provides the perfect fit for practically every figure. The vertical seam seemingly elongates the legs, while the technical cotton provides two-way stretch for maximum function and comfort. This fashionable everyday pant comes in light gray, black, white, beige, camel and dune, each of which sports a slight sheen. It's available at Olivia Preckel for \$395. 305-582-2438, [OliviaPreckel.com](http://OliviaPreckel.com)

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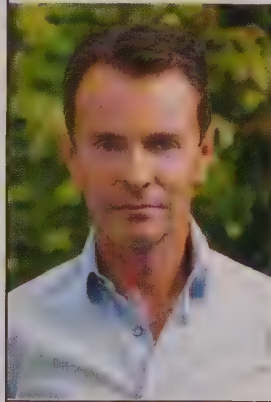


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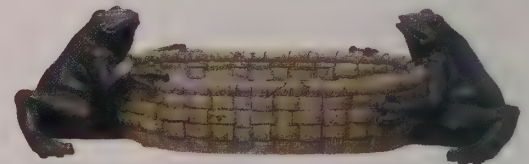
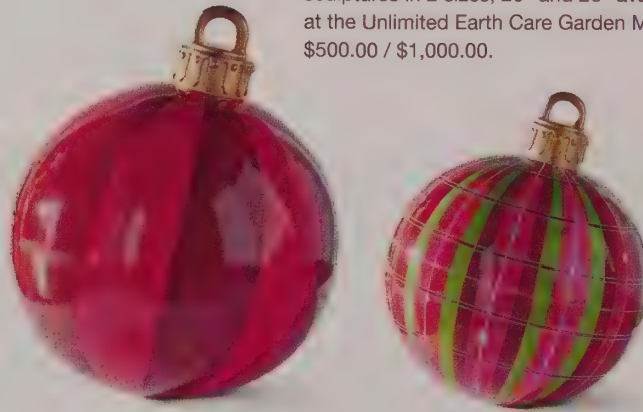
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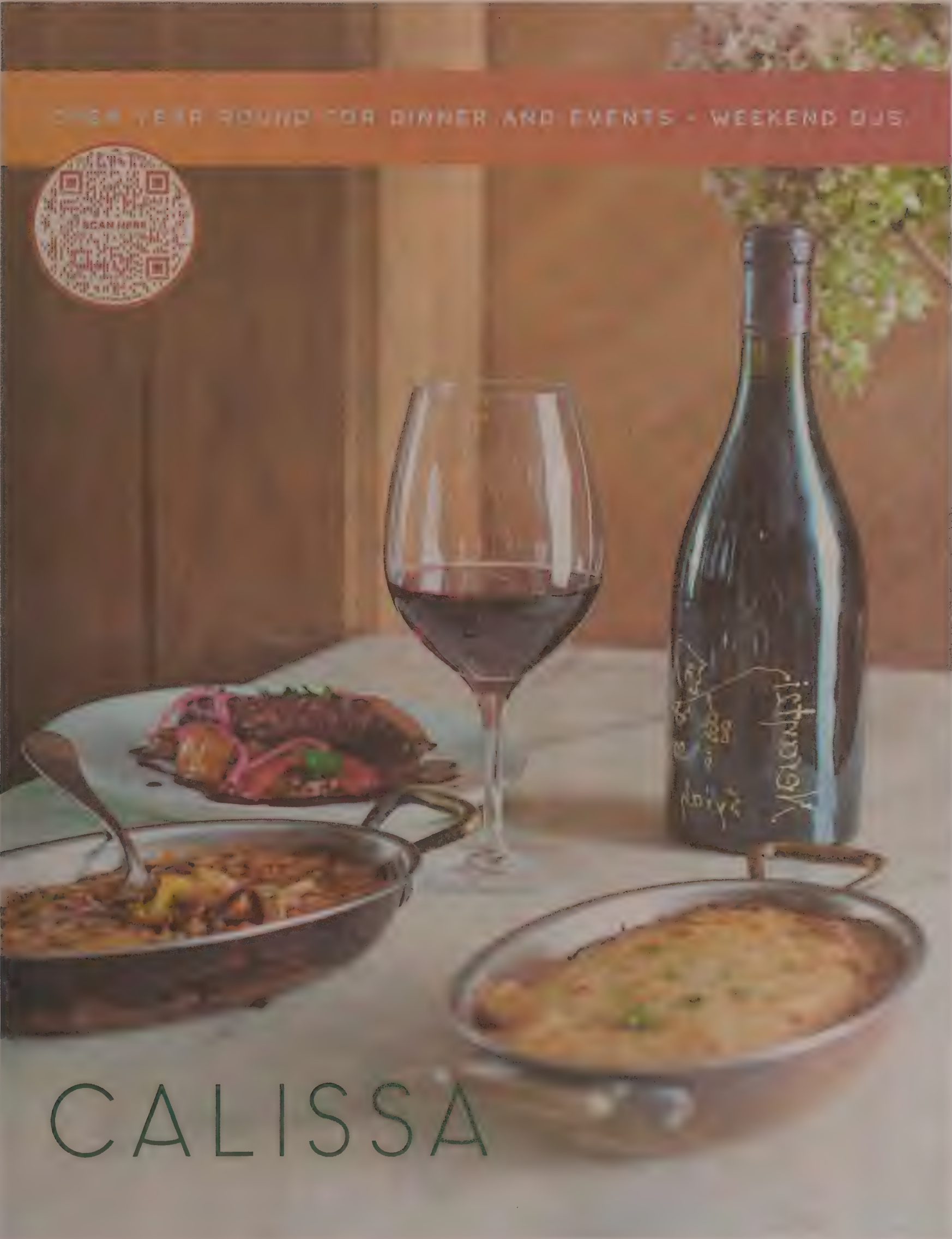
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# A wondrous and sad week

Life is a roller coaster and that was what mine was last week.

On one day, I met NYS Commissioner Kerri Neifeld of the Office of Developmental Disabilities.

On another day, I recognized extraordinary women at our Power Women of Long Island event.

And on another day, I comforted my dear friend Debby Markell on the loss of her beloved husband Barry Kleinert.

It's hard to believe that in 1971, I helped found what is now Life's WORC, an organization that serves children and adults like my beloved daughter Lara, who had suffered irreparable brain damage at birth.

Lara changed my life forever, making me an advocate fighting for her needs and the needs of people like her.

Fast forward 50 years and I had the pleasure of meeting Kerri Neifeld at Life's WORC's corporate offices in Garden City.

Life's WORC operates 48 group homes in Suffolk, Nassau, Queens and Manhattan, as well as running day programs for people on the autism spectrum and those with developmental disabilities.

We were proud to welcome Kerri and look her straight in the eye to share our grave concerns about our staffing needs and also about serving people over 21, who get locked out of an education and have no place to go.

I was delighted to see her bright eyes, good heart and knowledge come through during our discussions.

## A POWERFUL NIGHT

For over two de-



Joining Commissioner Kerri Neifeld (c.) are (from l. to r.) Mike Billia, Lauren Accovelli, Paulette Elbers, Lynne Koufakis, Vicki Schneps, Kerri Neifeld, Matt Zebatto, John Pfeifer and Robert White

acades, I've been putting the spotlight on women who are successful in their worlds of business, philanthropy and volunteer work.

As my media company has grown, so have the women

that we are honoring and last week, we honored the Power Women of Long Island through the power of our 250-year-old *Long Island Press*.

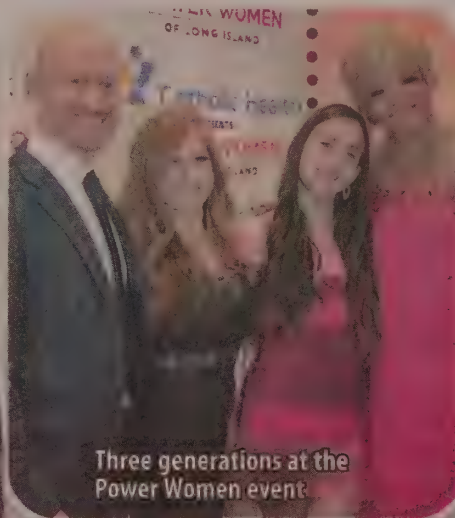
At The Mansion at Oys-

ter Bay in Woodbury, the powerful woman strutted down the red carpet runway to receive their "Vicki" statues! With roars of joy, the audience cheered on the honorees.

It's remarkable to me how many women doing great things have never been recognized before. It's my honor and privilege to do that with the help of my extraordinary events team!



Lesli Giglio, Chief Risk Officer and Chief Privacy Officer from Catholic Health, receiving her "Vicki"



Three generations at the Power Women event

## SAD GOODBYE

Sadly, on Sunday, my dear friend Debby Markell put her beloved 69-year-old husband of 22 years to rest at Wellwood Cemetery in West Babylon having died of complications of lung cancer.

I can still picture Barry's smiling face at his flower shop on Willis Avenue. Referencing that, the rabbi at Parkside Memorial Chapels in Forest Hills said some people see the thorns on a rose, but Barry saw a beautiful flower that

happened to have thorns. That was his philosophy of life.

He was a beautiful, loving man who cherished my friend, his daughter Lauren and his family.

It was in recognition of Debby's caring for him and the community she lives in that so many friends, families

and political leaders filled the chapel to pay their respects.

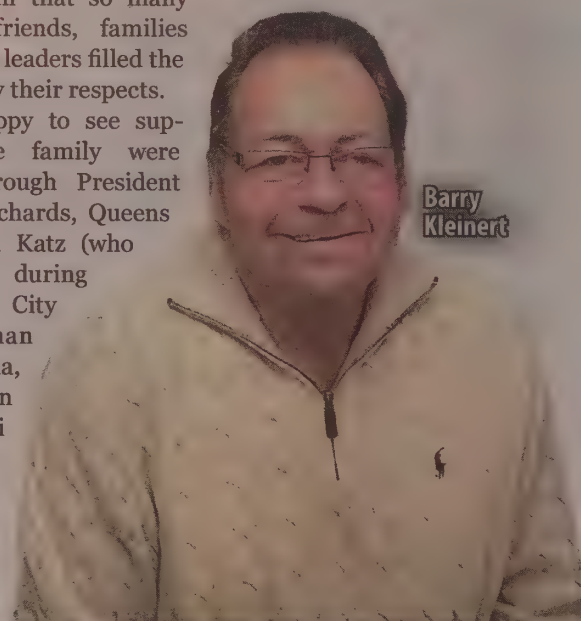
I was happy to see supporting the family were Queens Borough President Donovan Richards, Queens DA Melinda Katz (who also spoke during the service), City Councilwoman Joann Ariola, Congressman Tom Suozzi and Congresswoman Grace Meng sitting next to State Sena-

tor John Liu, Assemblyman Ed Braunstein and County Clerk Audrey Pheffer.

Her dear, devoted friend Matt Silverstein spoke eloquently and lovingly in his eulogy about Barry.

Debby had a true partner who supported her and encouraged her on every road she took.

Barry will be missed, but I know her friendships and important work for Community Board 2 will sustain her.



Barry Kleinert

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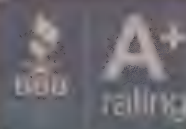
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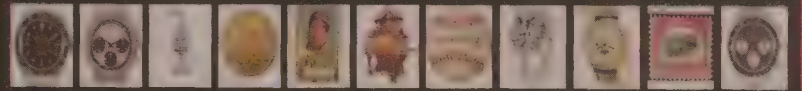
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139 Sagg Road, Sagaponack.  
631-537-5106, wolffer.com

**BRYAN GALLO AT WHB BREWING**  
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2 P.M.

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220 Rogers Way, Suite I,  
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**DISCO PARTY AT THE STEPHEN  
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161 Main Street, Amagansett.  
631-267-3117, stephentalkhouse.com

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THROUGH NOVEMBER 27

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1 Bay Street, Sag Harbor.  
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southamptonartscenter.org

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631-329-3568,  
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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 7 P.M.

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377 Bridgehampton-Sag Harbor  
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11 Glovers Lane, Westhampton Beach. [westhamptonchamber.org](http://westhamptonchamber.org)

### HIKE AT ELLISTON PARK/WOLF SWAMP RESERVE

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 26,  
2:30-5 P.M.

Don't miss this invigorating hike along Big Fresh Pond and learn about chestnuts in the area. Meet in the parking section of Emma Rose Elliston Park and Wildlife Refuge, which is named after the whaling captain's daughter.

40 Millstone Brook Road,  
Southampton.  
631-283-2494,  
[southamptonhistory.org](http://southamptonhistory.org)

### LIGHTING THE LIGHT AND SANTA AT THE LIGHTHOUSE IN MONTAUK

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY,  
NOVEMBER 26 AND 27

Bring the whole family over for a special sunset event at the Montauk Lighthouse at 4 p.m. on Friday. You'll enjoy holiday music while the Lighthouse is lit. On November 27, bring the kiddos to meet Santa from 11-3 p.m. The events are free.

2000 Montauk Highway,  
Montauk. 631-668-2522,  
[montaukhistoricalsociety.org/](http://montaukhistoricalsociety.org/)  
[montauk-point-lighthouse](http://montauk-point-lighthouse)

### ENRICHING PROGRAMS

#### UKULELE CLUB WITH STEPHEN

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER  
25, NOON-1 P.M.

Bring your musical self and your ukulele to the Hampton Bays Library, where you'll enjoy strumming and socializing.

52 Ponquogue Avenue,  
Hampton Bays. 631-728-6241,  
[hamptonbays.librarycalendar.com](http://hamptonbays.librarycalendar.com)

#### HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE: PELLETREAU SILVER SHOP

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 26, NOON  
Don't miss your chance to explore the Pelletreau Silver Shop, which was built in 1686 and remains one of the oldest trade shops in America that is still open. You'll enjoy holiday refreshments when you visit. The event is free.

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DAVE WHITE'S "FLAMINGO FACING LEFT" (2019) IS ON VIEW NOW AT THE WHITE ROOM GALLERY.

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TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29, -  
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201 Main Street, Sag Harbor.  
631-725-0049, [johnjermain.org](http://johnjermain.org)

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER  
1, 6-7:30 P.M.

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### ART EXHIBITIONS

#### TAKE FLIGHT: WORKS BY PHYLLIS BAKER HAMMOND AT J.MACKEY GALLERY

ON VIEW THROUGH NOVEMBER 30  
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#### ALL IN AT THE WHITE ROOM GALLERY

ON VIEW THROUGH JANUARY 1

The White Room Gallery has unveiled its latest exhibition, "All In," featuring works by Dave White, Nelson De La Nuez, Craig Alan, Barbara Cole, Greg Lotus, Russell Young, Punk Me Tender, Markus Klinko, Greg Miller, Steve Zaluski, Bob Landstrom, Edward Lentsch, Lynn Savarese, Bob Tabor, John Joseph Hanright and other established artists.

2415 Main Street,  
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917-526-2767,  
[thewhiteroom.gallery](http://thewhiteroom.gallery)

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ON VIEW THROUGH APRIL 2

Enjoy one of the first weekends of this fantastic exploration of the life and work of Mexican artist Frida Kahlo. The exhibition features over 100 objects, including personal letters, photographs and documents. Throughout her life, Kahlo used aspects of her body, such as her heart, torso and mouth, as recurring aspects in her work.

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# OUT & ABOUT ON THE NORTH FORK



GET READY TO ROCK AT THE SUFFOLK.

CURATED BY REBEKAH YAHOVES

## LIVE SHOWS

### HAIG MATHOSIAN & MEEK OAK AT COREY CREEK

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 4-8 P.M.

Don't miss live acoustic music at the Corey Creek Tap Room at Bedell Cellars, where you'll enjoy a cozy atmosphere, light bites and your favorite glasses and bottles.

36225 Main Road, Cutchogue. 631-734-7537, [bedellcellars.com](http://bedellcellars.com)

### WATKINS GLEN SUMMER JAM REVISITED AT THE SUFFOLK

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 8-10 P.M.

Relive the Historic Rock Festival in Watkins Glen at The Suffolk. You'll enjoy tunes from the Allman Brothers, the Grateful Dead and The Band. Tickets begin at \$39.

118 East Main Street, Riverhead. 631-727-4343, [suffolktheater.com](http://suffolktheater.com)

## OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

### ANNUAL CANDLELIGHT TOUR & TREE LIGHTING

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 3-5 P.M.

Ring in the season with the Southold

Historical Museum's famous community event featuring holiday decorations, children's games, music and Santa. Free but donations welcome.

55200 Main Road, Southold. 631-765-5500, [southoldhistorical.org](http://southoldhistorical.org)

### HORSE & FARM WALKING TOUR

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27,

11 A.M.-2 P.M.

Don't miss your chance to check out the animals at Spirit's Promise Equine Rescue, including horses, pigs and chickens. Be sure to sign up for your time slot before you go and wear shoes suitable for outdoor exploring.

2746 Sound Avenue, Riverhead. 631-875-0433, [spiritspromise.com](http://spiritspromise.com)

## ENRICHING PROGRAMS

### COUNTRY PARLOR HOLIDAY FOLK ART & GIFT SALE

FRIDAY-SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 25-27, 10 A.M.-3 P.M.

Don't miss your chance to browse and purchase unique gifts for your loved ones at the Hallockville Museum Farm. Items like tree ornaments, paintings, baskets and soaps will be available for purchase.

6038 Sound Avenue, Northville. 631-298-5292, [hallockville.org](http://hallockville.org)

### ROLLER DISCO PARTY

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 7-10 P.M.

Get groovy at the Greenport American Legion, where adults ages 21 and over can enjoy skate rentals, concessions and music requests. You can also bring your own favorite pair of skates. Admission is \$10.

102 Third Street, Greenport. [greenportamericanlegion.org/gdc-roller-skate-rink](http://greenportamericanlegion.org/gdc-roller-skate-rink)

### HOLIDAY PET PHOTOS IN PERSON

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27,

1:30-3:30 P.M.

Don't miss your chance to meet up with Judy McCleery of the Puparazzi Pet Photography, who will take photos

of your pet in front of a holiday scene at the Cutchogue-New Suffolk Library. The cost is \$10.

27550 Main Road, Cutchogue. 631-734-6360, [cutchogue.librarycalendar.com](http://cutchogue.librarycalendar.com)

### SMARTPHONE PHOTOGRAPHY WITH HOLLY HUNT

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 6-7:30 P.M.

Head on over to the Riverhead Free Library and learn how to use the basic settings on your smartphone to capture fabulous photos. Reservations are recommended.

330 Court Street, Riverhead. 631-727-3228, [riverheadlibrary.org](http://riverheadlibrary.org)

## ART EXHIBITIONS

### FULL MOON ARTS COLLECTIVE

ON VIEW THROUGH NOVEMBER 27

Don't miss the last weekend to explore this unique exhibition at the William Ris Gallery. Each featured artist is a master in their medium, subject and style.

1291 Main Road, Jamesport. 609-408-5208, [williamris.com](http://williamris.com)

### NATIONAL JURIED SMALL WORKS EXHIBITION

ON VIEW FROM NOVEMBER 26-JANUARY 16

Enjoy the opening weekend of this fascinating exhibition at the Alex Ferrone Gallery. Over 57 works were selected from 46 national artists working in various mediums, including photography, painting and mixed media. The works will explore landscapes in terms of outdoor scenery, environments and geography.

25425 Main Road, Cutchogue. 631-734-8545, [alexferronegallery.com](http://alexferronegallery.com)

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# OUT & ABOUT WITH THE KIDS

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## TOP 5 KIDS EVENTS TO CHECK OUT THIS WEEK

### HAMPTONS THANKSGIVING CAMP

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY,  
NOVEMBER 25 AND 26,  
9 A.M.-3 P.M.

If your kiddos ages 3-9 are looking to stay busy over the Thanksgiving break, bring them on over to Nova's Art Project, where iCamp will be hosting a number of hands-on STEAM projects. You will need to bring warm clothing, lunch and a nut-free snack. Sibling discounts are available.

60 Millstone Road, Water Mill.

[hisawyer.com/marketplace/activity-set/386421](http://hisawyer.com/marketplace/activity-set/386421)

### KATHERINE HOLABIRD PRESENTS "ANGELINA BALLERINA"

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 10:30 A.M.

Spin your little dancer over to the Children's Museum of the East End, where Katherine Holabird, creator of the popular *Angelina Ballerina* and *Twinkle* series books, will bring them to life with the help of a local dancer.

376 Bridgehampton-Sag Harbor Turnpike, Bridgehampton.

631-537-8250, [cmee.org](http://cmee.org)

### SWEET POTATO STAMP ART

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 1:30 P.M.

Bring your little potato in grades K-3 over to the Westhampton Free Library, where they will work on an autumn-inspired craft that works on motor skills.

7 Library Avenue,

Westhampton Beach. 631-288-3335, [westhamptonlibrary.librarymarket.com](http://westhamptonlibrary.librarymarket.com)

### PRINCESS TEA PARTY

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 10 A.M.

Bring your little princess over to the Sea Star Ballroom at the Long Island Aquarium, where she'll enjoy a holiday-themed princess tea party. There will be a formal white-glove tea service, finger sandwiches and sweets. You'll also get some fabulous photos to take home.

421 East Main Street, Riverhead. 631-208-9200, [longislandaquarium.com](http://longislandaquarium.com)

### FAMILY GINGERBREAD HOUSE BUILDING

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1, 5 P.M.

Bring your youngsters along to the Mattituck-Laurel Library, where you can

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[DansPapers.com/Events](http://DansPapers.com/Events)



ENJOY TEA WITH YOUR LITTLE PRINCESS AT THE MAGICAL LONG ISLAND AQUARIUM.

create a gingerbread house from a kit while making new friends. You're welcome to bring along additional candy for your masterpiece.

13900 Main Road, Mattituck.

631-298-4134, [mattitucklaurel.librarycalendar.com](http://mattitucklaurel.librarycalendar.com)

### FAMILY FUN ATTRACTIONS ON THE EAST END

#### THE CLUBHOUSE

Enjoy some serious sporting fun with your kiddos at The Clubhouse, where they'll enjoy bowling, arcade games, mini-golf and snacks in a fun atmosphere.

174 Daniels Hole Road,

East Hampton. 631-637-2695, [clubhousehamptons.com](http://clubhousehamptons.com)

#### CUSTER INSTITUTE AND OBSERVATORY

Take your little explorer over to the Custer Institute and Observatory, which is open to the public every Saturday night from dusk until midnight.

You can view the night sky through powerful telescopes, take a tour or visit the library, exhibit room or gift shop. In addition, you can check out their website for frequent family-friendly events.

1115 Main Bayview Road, Southold.

631-765-2626, [custerobservatory.org](http://custerobservatory.org)

#### THE FUDGE COMPANY

If your little one has a sweet tooth, stop by the Fudge Company in Southampton, where they will enjoy plenty of tasty homemade fudge in seasonal flavors, saltwater taffy and retro penny candies.

67 Main Street,

Southampton. 631-283-8108,

[southamptonfudgecompany.com](http://southamptonfudgecompany.com)

#### GREENPORT CAROUSEL

If you're looking for a fun way to top off a day of East End fun, head on over to the Greenport Carousel. The attraction is open on Saturdays and Sundays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

115 Front Street, Greenport.

[villageofgreenport.org/carousel-greenport-village.php](http://villageofgreenport.org/carousel-greenport-village.php)

#### MAIN ROAD BISCUIT CO.

If your kiddos are hungry from a fun day of exploring the East End, take them over to the Main Road Biscuit Co., where they'll enjoy breakfast and lunch every day until 4 p.m. Parents rave about the fluffy, seasonal pancakes, homemade jams and smoothies at this down-home favorite.

1601 Main Road, Jamesport.

631-779-3463,

[mainroadbiscuitco.com](http://mainroadbiscuitco.com)

#### SANTA'S CHRISTMAS TREE FARM

Don't miss out on serious holiday fun that includes ice skating, a petting zoo, bouncy houses, hayrides, cookie decorating and face painting. You'll also enjoy hot apple cider, popcorn and smores while you sit by the firepit. And don't forget to pick out your tree while you're there!

30105 Main Road, Cutchogue.

631-735-9242,

[santaschristmastreefarmli.com](http://santaschristmastreefarmli.com)

#### SOUTH FORK NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM & NATURE CENTER

Your little explorer won't want to miss all of the nature right here on the South Fork, including colorful floor-to-ceiling murals, a marine touch tank and aquariums. The cost of admission is \$10 for adults, \$7 for children and free for members.

377 Bridgehampton-Sag Harbor Turnpike, Bridgehampton.

631-537-9735, [sofo.org](http://sofo.org)

#### SOUTHAMPTON ICE RINK

Enjoy the public skating sessions at this clean and friendly local favorite. Skate rentals, refreshment options and lessons are also available.

668 County Road 39,

Southampton. 631-283-2158,

[southamptonicerink.com](http://southamptonicerink.com)

#### STEPHENSON'S TOYS & GAMES

If you're getting ready for the holidays, you won't want to miss the wide selection of unique toys and games at Stephenson's. Parents rave about the friendly staff and charming vibe.

69 Jobs Lane, Southampton.

631-283-2111, [stephensonstoys.com](http://stephensonstoys.com)

#### YMCA EAST HAMPTON

Get your little athletes moving indoors with an indoor swimming pool, basketball courts and an open gym. Your kiddo can also sign up ahead of time for youth lessons.

2 Gingerbread Lane, East Hampton.

631-329-6884, [ymcali.org/locations/ymca-east-hampton-recenter](http://ymcali.org/locations/ymca-east-hampton-recenter)

GETTY IMAGES

# WINTER WINE & DINE

## Dockside Flips, Sant Ambroeus & More

BY HARRY POWERS

Norman Vincent Peale, the author of *The Power of Positive Thinking*, is quoted as saying that the winter "is the season of gift-giving, and of families united." There is no greater gift than spending time with loved ones, and reconnecting over a delicious meal makes both the heart and stomach happy.

Sag Harbor just became even fishier. Adam Miller and Eric Miller, partners in Rita Cantina in Springs, are converting Dockside Bar and Grill into **Bay Street Tavern** over the course of this winter. The new owners have professed their love for Dockside and promised to continue its commitment to local fishmongers, producers and farmers. Eric Miller has stated that the plan for Bay Street Tavern is to basically be an elevated clam shack; there will be dips and snacks, bowls and salads, ceviche dishes and a bevy of small plates. Entrees will include seafood options, fish and chips and steak frites, among others. The prices will be reasonable.

Christmas came early, because there were several restaurant openings in East Hampton this month. Both **Tutto Cafe** and **Sant Ambroeus** made their debuts last weekend. Sant Ambroeus, which also has an outpost in Southampton, took over the old Babette's spot while Tutto is in the old Juice Press location facing the Reutershan Parking Lot. There are Tuttos in Sag Harbor and Southampton as well. Treat the family to a meal at a new restaurant (albeit familiar ones) in the village this holiday season!

**Canoe Place Inn** in Hampton Bays is celebrating Christmas this year in a way that would make Buddy the elf proud (no, there won't be any spaghetti and syrup). Gather your family and friends and warm up with a hot spiked cider or mulled wine at the spacious bar, cozy study or festive outdoor fire pit. Canoe Place will also be hosting a slate of holiday activities such as gingerbread house making, latka making, a 12 Days of Christmas tasting menu and a New Year's Day brunch (featuring bottomless beverages). Even the grumpiest of grinchers will perk up at these happenings!



CANOE PLACE INN

### Did You Know?

East Hampton Village recently unveiled **Ina Garten Way** on the stretch of Barns Lane that intersects Newtown Lane. The location is apropos, as Ina Garten's famous store, Barefoot Contessa, was located where Rag & Bone currently dwells along the stretch. The news was announced during a live taping of *The Drew Barrymore Show*, which aired last week on CBS. Mayor Jerry Larsen presented Garten with the surprise name change. We will now think of Garten's killer skillet-roasted lemon chicken whenever passing Capital One.

Laurent Tourondel, the owner of **LT Burger**, will be opening up a brand new concept in the space LT Burger used to occupy in Sag Harbor? There's no news on when yet, but Tourondel announced that after undergoing renovations, a new restaurant will open up there, like a phoenix rising from the ashes. And if you miss LT

Burger's juicy burgers and refreshing milkshakes, you can go to the Westhampton Beach branch that opened last summer (although it is closed for the season).

**North Fork Table & Inn** serves a three-course menu for brunch every Sunday from noon–3 p.m. At \$68 per person, you can enjoy delicious dishes such as eggplant tempura with a tomato aioli and wakame seasoning, duck hash with confit potatoes, charred onion, turnip top piston and over-easy egg, Roman frittata with beefsteak tomato, eggplant conserva and pecorino and spicy rigatoni with charred beefsteak tomato sauce, mushrooms and snow peas.

### Bits & Bites:

Seasonal classics recently returned to the menu at **Rowdy Hall**! Get your fill of escargot, vegetarian chili, chopped salad, smoked duck salad and crispy chicken BLT this winter. Rowdy Hall is also the premier spot



THE PRIDWIN

to catch the World Cup; the pub will be featuring the 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. games on the weekends and the 2 p.m. games all week long. Bar bites will be available at noon on the weekends and 2 p.m. on weekdays as well, and a full-service bar with the finest drafts, spirits and wines for fans to root on their respective squads. The restaurant is decked out in support of Team USA and features the flags of many qualifying countries. I believe we will win!

After a successful opening last summer, **The Pridwin** on Shelter Island will be hosting its first holiday celebration. For kids, there will be visits from Santa, elfin activities and delicious eats. If your family stays at The Pridwin over Christmas, you will enjoy Christmas Eve milk and cookies, stockings hung with care and an elegant three-course dinner on December 25. The resort will be dressed in garland, lights and festive baubles, not to mention the sweeping water views it sports the entire year-round.

**Calissa** is offering holiday event packages for the season. The cocktail party with a private reception deal is for 15–200 guests and includes appetizers, wine and beer for \$75 a person. The holiday dinner seats 10–120 guests for a family-style meal for \$95 per person. Calissa also serves \$1 oysters every Friday at the bar from 5–7 p.m.

**Food Quote:** "So long as you have food in your mouth, you have solved all questions for the time being."

—Franz Kafka

## WINTER WINE AND DINE

## Recipe: Union Sushi & Steak's Duck Risotto

Learn how to make Chef Scott Kampf's quack-tastic duck risotto by following this recipe.

### Ingredients for Winter Vegetable & Duck Confit Risotto (4 Portions)

- 1 Medium-sized diced Spanish onion
- 2 Tablespoons of olive oil
- 4 Tablespoons of unsalted butter
- 5 Cups chef's choice of chicken broth (homemade or store bought)
- 1.5 Cups of Arborio rice
- 1 Small diced zucchini
- 1 Small diced yellow squash
- 1/4 Cup of shredded duck confit (homemade or specialty store bought — think Citarella's)
- 2 Cup of pinot grigio
- Salt and pepper

### Directions to make Winter Vegetable & Duck Risotto

1. In a medium-sized sauce pan on medium heat, add olive oil, butter and

diced onions. Cook until translucent.

2. Add pinot grigio.
3. Let simmer for 2 minutes.
4. Add Arborio rice.
5. Stir and simmer for 2 minutes.
6. Add enough broth to cover contents of pan.
7. Stir frequently adding only a half a cup of broth at a time as it is absorbed by rice. Add zucchini, squash and duck confit.

8. Cook until al dente, approximately 18–20 minutes.

9. Salt and pepper to taste

### Ingredients for Pan Roasted Duck Breast

- 4 (8–10 oz.) Long Island duck breasts

Salt and pepper

### Directions to Pan Roast Duck Breasts

1. Pat dry duck breasts.
2. Score skin side of duck breasts.
3. Season duck with salt and pepper.
4. In a large saute pan (non-stick is



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fine for novices), add duck, skin side down and place over low-medium heat rendering duck skin.

5. When skin is golden brown and crispy, flip breasts over, continue cooking. Do not drain fat.

6. Turn up heat just a little to medium, continue cooking for approximately 4–5 minutes.

7. Remove duck breasts, let rest

and slice.

### Directions to Serve

1. In a pasta bowl, place a half a cup (or how much you would like portioned) of risotto in center of bowl.

2. Lay sliced duck atop bed of risotto.

Courtesy of Union Sushi & Steak,  
40 Bowden Square, Southampton.  
631-377-3500, dineatunion.com

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## WINTER WINE &amp; DINE

# Something to Wine About: Josh Prosecco D.O.C.

BY LINDA DELMONICO PRUSSEN

**W**e've already tackled the whites and the reds for our upcoming holiday meals. Next, we have sparkling wine, and this one, Josh Prosecco D.O.C., took us quite by surprise.

When one thinks of Josh it is most often of the consistently delicious cabernet sauvignon and the Legacy red blend that the brand is famous for. Josh reds really do epitomize the best of California reds with their rich, decadent flavors and unfailing good taste. Prosecco is definitely not only something one doesn't expect from Josh, but it might also even raise an eyebrow or two. However, one taste of this prosecco will change your perception. The grapes for the prosecco are sourced from vineyards in the Conegliano Veneto and Valdobbiadene area of Italy best known for its wonderful prosecco.

The flavors are fruit-forward with notes of peach and lemon meringue.

This wine is done in the Charmat method where bubbles in wine are trapped via carbonation in large steel tanks. This is also called "metodo Italiano" or the "tank method." It's different than the traditional method used in Champagne where fermentation happens, and the bubbles are created, in the bottle. While the method is different in this prosecco the results are the same surprisingly smooth qualities most often found in Champagne. It has a lovely, creamy mouth feel not often found in prosecco.

This prosecco retails for \$15, a complete steal, and pairs well with absolutely anything you'd pair with Champagne.

As most bubbly lovers know, Champagne can be drunk from appetizers right through to the main course. Have enough bottles on hand for at least a toast. With its affordable price you can keep a few extra for those who want to enjoy it with their meals.



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## WINTER WINE &amp; DINING

# Dining in East End Igloos This Winter

BY DAVID TAYLOR

That chilly winter weather really snuck up on us last week. Thankfully, it didn't sneak up on the following restaurants, which had all announced their heated igloo experiences and begun inviting guests to dine in style and warmth.

## Flora

If you've strolled Westhampton Beach's Main Street recently, you've probably already noticed a couple of eye-catching igloos in Flora's Winter Garden. The magically lit area provides a heated igloo dining experience for up to seven guests per igloo. Lunch reservations are \$40 for 90 minutes, and brunch and dinner reservations are \$60 for two hours. The full menu — including options like prime New York strip, soba noodles and seared scallops — is available to diners in the Winter Garden. 149 Main Street, Westhampton Beach. 631-998-9600, [florawhb.com](http://florawhb.com)

## The Baker House 1650

This winter, consider snuggling up to the roaring stove firepit tucked inside the igloos at The Baker House 1650. The igloos can be reserved for two hours for up to six guests, \$25 per person, by emailing [info@bakerhouse1650.com](mailto:info@bakerhouse1650.com). Light bites from the daily specials menu and wine are available to diners day or night. 181 Main Street, East Hampton. 631-324-4081, [bakerhouse1650.com](http://bakerhouse1650.com)

## Southampton Ice Rink

The concept of igloos at an ice rink is so obvious that it's a wonder they're not more commonly paired.



ONE OF MIRABELLE RESTAURANT AND TAVERN'S IGLOOS

Southampton Ice Rink has the right idea with their cozy heated igloos replete with a Bluetooth speaker, board games and seats for up to six guests. The menu is that of Local Burger Co. and offers grass-fed burgers, Cajun and parmesan truffle fries, crispy Brussels sprouts and plenty of drink options, including sodas, beers, wines, cocktails and boozy hot cocoa. Reservations are \$30 per hour on weekdays and \$50 an hour on holidays, weekends and Fridays after 4 p.m. 668 County Road 39 Southampton. 631-283-2158, [southamptonicerink.com](http://southamptonicerink.com)

## Windamere at Strong's Water Club

Igloos are also available on the North Fork at Strong's Water Club. The private, heated igloos accommodate up to eight guests for brunch, lunch or dinner. The Windamere menus — offering blackened fish tacos, duck confit banh mi, stuffed French

toast and chitarra allo scoglio, depending on time of day — are available for igloo dining. Call the restaurant to reserve an igloo for up to three hours. 2255 Wickham Avenue, Mattituck. 631-315-5252, [windamerenof.com](http://windamerenof.com)

## RGNY

While not technically an igloo, the RGNY Greenhouse Experience offers a familiar concept in a unique way. The winery features four Mexican-inspired greenhouses on the lawn overlooking the vineyard. Each greenhouse is stocked with couches, an adjustable heater and a speaker to keep up to six guests comfy, toasty and entertained with your favorite music. Reservations are available daily from 1–4 p.m. and include a welcome glass of sparkling wine, two glasses of wine per person, a charcuterie board, choice of dip and soup, hot chocolate and dessert. The base package is \$100 per person for three hours. 6025 Sound Avenue, Northville. 631-298-0075, [rgnywine.com](http://rgnywine.com)

## Mirabelle Restaurant & Tavern

Fans of the Dan's Taste events have no doubt tasted the delicious dishes of Mirabelle Restaurant & Tavern, and they can capture that taste this winter in two new igloo dining experiences. The igloos each feature a unique theme and are decorated with twinkling lights, comfortable seating and seasonal décor. They can be reserved for two hours, Wednesday to Sunday, for up to six people, with a \$150 minimum on food and drink. The full Mirabelle menu is available, and an exclusive server will serve igloo guests. 150 Main Street, Stony Brook. 631-751-0555, [lessings.com/corporate/restaurants/venue/mirabelle-restaurant-and-tavern](http://lessings.com/corporate/restaurants/venue/mirabelle-restaurant-and-tavern)



FLORA'S WINTER GARDEN IN WESTHAMPTON BEACH

## WINTER WINE &amp; DINE



THE NORTH FORK WINE TRAIL REMAINS OPEN FOR BUSINESS IN WINTER.

# Winter on the Wine Trail: Time to Stop and Smell the Grapes

BY MARC HOROWITZ

When winter blows in on the North Fork Wine Trail, things slow down to a more leisurely pace. And though locals might welcome the big drop in visitors and traffic tie-ups after the holidays, many are sorry to see the warm weather go.

But East End residents of the woolly mammal variety feel a little differently. The alpacas and sheep that hold court near the entrance to Jason's Vineyard in Jamesport are visibly thrilled when the morning frost covers the vines out back.

"The animals are from the mountains of Peru, where it gets really cold," explains Jeanne Maloney, tasting room manager at Jason's. "They're much more lively in the winter. In the summer, we have to hose them down and keep them cool. But they love to

hang around outside in January and February."

Seeing the alpacas in their happy place isn't the only thing that Maloney enjoys about winter at the vineyard.

"The biggest difference is that there are fewer large groups," she says. "In the summer, we sometimes get busloads of people who just want to come in and drink. It's nice to work with smaller groups who are looking for a relaxed wine tasting."

"Our customers like to come during the winter because they can have a more intimate, one-on-one experience with us," adds Pindar Damianos, who, along with this family, owns and operates Jason's, as well as Duck Walk Vineyards in Southold and in Water Mill, and Pindar Vineyards in Peconic.

"Winter is a great opportunity for me to spend more than just a few sec-

onds with each customer," Damianos explains. "I can ask questions about their families — where they're from and why they came to visit us. And I can get much more in-depth about our offerings and our winemaking process. It's just a different feel this time of year."

Damianos, who spends most of his weekends year-round in Pindar's tasting room, notes that in addition to live music on weekends all winter, the winery organizes special events for visitors in the off-season.

From January through March, Pindar offers tours and tastings in its barrel cellar, where visitors can sample the flavor profiles of still-fermenting varietals before they make their way from barrel to bottle. Participants at previous barrel tours might have had the chance to sample the pre-release flavor notes of Damianos' favorite Pindar Vineyards varietal: a robust 2019 Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon that recently scored an impressive 90 out of 100 in *Wine Enthusiast*. During November, guests can also sign up for the Champagne Tour at Pindar to explore the ins and outs of sparkling winemaking.

Since more sparkling wine is enjoyed on New Year's Eve than any other night of the year, winter is a prime season to learn more about how the

bubbly is curated and produced — and to get educated about the significant differences between the sparkling and non-sparkling winemaking processes. Many wine lovers, including plenty of hardcore oenophiles, have never taken the time to dig into the nuances.

Arguably the best place on the East End to take a deep dive into the world of the carbonated stuff is Sparkling Pointe Vineyards in Southold. Besides producing critically acclaimed Champagne-style wines, Sparkling Pointe has carved out a unique niche in its market: It's the only vineyard on the North Fork that produces sparkling wines exclusively.

"We're all bubbles, all the time," says Mike Falcetta, Sparkling Pointe's general manager. "With the crowds thinned out in winter, we have an opportunity to tell a very cool story about how our wines are made. And our goal is to be as detailed as we can about the process with every one of our guests."

Falcetta points out that many of the vineyard's visitors are fascinated to learn about the time-honored and complex "méthode Champenoise" winemaking process, which is used to create most of the world's finest sparkling wine, and which Sparkling Pointe lovingly adheres to.


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Like most of its North Fork wine-making peers, Sparkling Pointe stays fully open and stages special events throughout the winter to complement its wine club and online sales offerings.

Whether sampling viognier, merlot or a festive sparkling wine made from equal parts chardonnay and pinot noir, winter is a beautiful, comparatively chilled-out time of year on the North Fork Wine Trail. And more and more guests from across the tri-state area and New England are catching on.

When asked for tips on making the most of a winter day among the vines, locals might offer a few sage words of advice for visitors: "Dress warmly — and don't forget to pet the alpacas."

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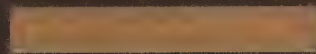
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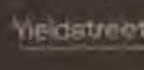
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# EAST END LIVING

## Shinnecock Voices: Waves

BY ASIA COFIELD

People say grief comes in waves. I've been learning how to ride those waves for six months now, adjusting to what life looks like with one less grandparent. Sometimes the waves are small, so small that it feels like a pebble was dropped into a puddle, but there are days when their height doubles and doubles until it feels like a tsunami. But between the pebble ripples and tsunamis, there are days I feel like the tide is creeping up and up and up.

You ever go to the beach in the morning and set up close to the shore, and you know you'll have to move back eventually but you keep putting it off? And before you know it, the tide has crept up to where you are. The waves reach for your towel and you have to rush to move your chair and your umbrella and your bag. You knew the waves would get you, but you didn't want to think about them. Grief is kind of like that. Inevitable.

Sometimes it's more like when Superstorm Sandy hit. The wind had died down enough for my dad to feel OK walking across our backyard, under the big oak and cherry trees. He made his way to our stairs that lead down to the water. He stood there in the darkness and even though he couldn't really see, he could tell the water had risen about seven feet above the steps and was right below the wooden deck. The water was high, so so high, higher than it had ever been in his life.



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A YOUNG ASIA COFIELD ON THE LAP OF HER GRANDFATHER DONALD WILLIAMS SR.



ASIA COFIELD AND HER GRANDFATHER DONALD WILLIAMS SR. AT THE 2019 SHINNECOCK POWWOW

It didn't go over the bank and into our yard, but it was close. The tide was right there, right under the deck, right there under his feet. Sometimes grief feels just like that. Looming.

Early on in the summer, Poppa drove into our yard in his Kawasaki utility vehicle — he was always more of a John Deere man, but had been driving a Kawasaki for a while. I had gotten back from college a few days prior and hadn't made my way over to visit him just yet. I was in bed and could hear the sound of him driving over the gravel, but I didn't get up. I didn't run downstairs and poke my head out the back door and say, "Hi." I didn't tell him how my semester went or what I was most excited about for the summer. I stayed in bed and told myself I'd go talk with him another day. My dad was on a business call but could see Poppa from the sliding glass windows of our dining room. Poppa drove through the yard to look at the water, then turned around and left.

A couple days later, I saw him in a hospital bed. I held his hand as our tears said what neither one of us could find the words to say.

Poppa would give me something every time I saw him — whatever knickknack he had on his side table or a few bills from his wallet or a story. Whatever he slipped into my hands and into my heart was always accompanied by a hug and a kiss. The day he passed, we got home from the hospital and my mama found a feather at the end of our driveway. I'm sorry I don't know where that silver bracelet with the painted red heart is. I'm sorry I don't know where that carved wooden figure is. I'm most sorry that I didn't jump out of bed to go see him that day he drove into the yard. But that feather made me feel like it was all OK.

A few days after his funeral, when the out-of-town relatives had left and my house was empty again, I sat quietly in the living room. It was my first true

moment alone in nearly a week. It was sunny with a slight breeze, a perfect early summer day. I heard someone coming down the driveway, so I went over to the back door to take a peek. And for the smallest fraction of a millisecond, I expected to see my grandfather pulling in. It felt like a tsunami swallowed me whole.

The first time I dreamt of him was a couple days after that. He sat in my yard and talked with me and my sisters. There was a bright light behind him. He asked us to come take a ride with him. I woke up and surfed that wave with a smile.

This past summer I lived by myself for the first time. My first night alone, I woke up at 3 a.m. and swore I saw him across the room for the fraction of a millisecond. "Hi, Poppa," I whispered. The tide crept up.

There have been times when the waves have made their way into my dreams. I may see my grandfather and become painfully aware that I'm dreaming, that I'll wake up and he won't physically be with me. Instead of reaching for him, I pull back and start running from the tsunami. I wake up underwater some days.

It's been six months and I'm adjusting to the tide always being high. I know the water will continue to pool around my ankles on holidays and on birthdays and on random days, too. And I'll welcome any wave he sends my way and say, "Hi, Poppa."

*Asia Cofield is a citizen of the Shinnecock Nation. She's currently a senior at Brown University pursuing a B.A. in Literary Arts with Honors.*

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## How To Deter Car Thieves From Stealing your Vehicle

*Here are some tips to protect your vehicle from being stolen.*

1. **Don't leave your car running while unattended.** This is tempting during winter or summer to let the vehicle warm up or cool down before you get in, but it also is the perfect opportunity for thieves.
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4. **Lock the wheels.** Thieves can be deterred by anti-theft devices on steering wheels or brake locks.
5. **Know your vehicle.** Make sure to document your license plate number, VIN number, make, model, year, and color in order to file a police report if need be.
6. **Buy a vehicle with an alarm.** Most vehicles today come equipped with anti-theft devices which auto insurance companies give discounts for.
7. **Park in well-lit areas.** Most vehicle thefts occur at night when its dark outside. Parking in a lit and visible area is best.
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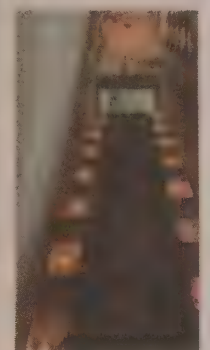
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# OUT EAST END

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## Transgender Awareness: A Conversation with Stony Brook Medicine's Dr. Allison H. Eliscu

BY ANGELA LAGRECA

We don't need an official police report to confirm that hate crimes are disproportionately directed at people in the LGBTQ+ community, especially those who identify as transgender. Watch the news, follow social media or look around in your own backyard and community.

In honor of Transgender Awareness Week (November 13–20), Stony Brook Medicine experts recently livestreamed a discussion about the trans and gender diverse experience as well as the issues and health disparities that the LGBTQ+ community faces, and what Stony Brook Medicine is doing to address the need.

How can we raise awareness and better serve our friends, our families and ourselves? We checked in with Allison H. Eliscu, MD, medical director of the Adolescent LGBTQ+ Care Program at Stony Brook and the principal investigator of Stony Brook Medicine's 2021 LGBTQ+ Community Health Needs Survey which revealed the Long Island LGBTQ+ population is at risk for suicide, health disparities and adverse health outcomes.

**In the past few years it seems the word "transgender" has become a common headline. Has the landscape of awareness changed?**

Yes. If you look at the data on how many people identify as LGBTQ+ adult-wise across the country — the numbers since when they started counting in this one particular Gallup poll in 2012 (and then in 2021) — just over the last nine years, it's doubled from 3.5% to 7.1%.

**Is that because people are more forthright?**

I think so. I definitely don't think it's that twice as many people are identifying now as compared to before. I think people are more open about it and people are more aware of it.

**When a child comes out as transgender, how do you suggest the family respond?**

I think it's a shock ... When your baby is born, you start thinking about goals and who they are going to marry, what job they are going to do, what they are going to look like in 2030 and all of a sudden that completely changes. It's a conversation both with the young person themselves saying, "Your parents have

been calling you this name for 10–15 years. It's going to take some time to get accustomed to using a different name and using a different pronoun, it's going to be a process." You've got to give them a little leeway.

Support of family is huge, it's so important. You have to be there for your child, you have to be their number one advocate and it (can) take some time. That's why there's a support group that Stony Brook put up for parents so they can see how other parents are managing or handling it. There are therapists that specialize in helping not just adolescents, but parents handling these situations and changes.

**Why do you think there is so much resistance lately to the LGBTQ+ community?**

I ask myself that a lot. I think people are afraid of things that are different and things that seem unnatural. But when you hear the family stories or even an adolescent person's story, when you kind of get down to it, people are people. There is no real reason for this hatred. I think people are just afraid of difference.

**For someone who is struggling to come out or to share information about their gender, what is your best advice?**

Initially, you want to find somebody that you trust and just start talking about it a little bit and try it out — it may not necessarily be a parent at the very beginning, it might be a friend, but then if you can get some kind of grown-up involved, whether it's a cousin or an aunt, a guidance counselor, a teacher, a doctor, a clergy member, a coach, someone that you can talk to — even just to sit down and just say the words, "I think I am gay," or, "I think I'm transgender" ... and that's the end of the conversation for day one and we come back a couple of days later and you continue the discussion.

Getting some of this out and starting to be able to identify different scenarios, I think it is really important. And then working up to, "How am I going to talk to my family, my siblings, my parents — how am I going to talk to other people at school and at work?"

**How can families and LGBTQ+ people best access resources for support?**

It could be talking to the person's pediatrician and/or doctor. Right on our website is the resource link for the family or parent support group for parents of teens who are gender diverse or transgender. There



are also great national organizations like PFLAG that have support both locally and nationally. Sometimes knowing other people who have gone through it and how they did it, is helpful.

At Stony Brook Medicine we have hosted events with our community partners to make sure that families and individuals, regardless of their age, have places they can go to to feel supported. In October, for Coming Out Day, we had a family event at the Suffolk County Farm with pumpkin picking and hay rides and what was most amazing and rewarding (was when I) spoke with the parent of a 9-year-old who identified as nonbinary, even at 9 years old they're aware of their identity ... Events like that have been really important and appreciated not just by the teens or the kids but also by the parents and the families, too.

**At what age do you think it is appropriate to discuss gender and sexual orientation?**

When a kid starts to bring it up, I think it's fine to start discussing it. Kids know at a very young age ... Answer questions when they come up, whether they are at home or at school. If a child sees that you are uncomfortable but that you are able to listen and not judge them, they are going to come to you.

**In terms of parents and families, what is a helpful, good response or way of action?**

I would say (to try to) keep your emotions together for a moment and just hug your child, just let it be out there that we are going to get through this. I'm not sure where we are going to end up, but I support you and I love you and I'm your family and I'm not going anywhere. And we figure this out.

All of the data really shows that having family support is crucial.

To learn more about LGBTQ+ care at Stony Brook Medicine visit [stonybrookmedicine.edu/LGBTQ](http://stonybrookmedicine.edu/LGBTQ).

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## OBITUARY

## Suffolk Sports Hall of Famer James Gilhooley of Remsenburg Remembered

James Francis Gilhooley of Remsenburg died November 15 of complications due to COVID-19. He was 95.

In 1949, Gilhooley set the world record for flat track in the 600-yard indoor run at the Pioneer Club Championships; this record still stands today. He was inducted into the New York University Athletics Hall of Fame in 2014.

He graduated from NYU's School of Education in 1950 and was the star of the men's track team. He ran anchor on two national championship teams. He was five-time Metropolitan Collegiate Champion, three-time Metropolitan AAU Champion and five-time Penn Relay Champion. He was a member of two IC4A championship relay teams.

Gilhooley coached track at Riverhead High School for 25 years, leading teams to a 176-21 record with 86 straight victories from 1958-1974. He steered his athletes to 16 consecutive league titles. His teams won six sectional titles with four back-to-back

championships from 1968-1971. His teams had two first place finishes in Suffolk County Relays. He retired as Riverhead High School athletic director and was inducted into the Suffolk County Sports Hall of Fame in 1992.

Gilhooley served in the U.S. Army in 1950. He was a great skier, swimmer and tennis player and had a passion for all sports. He had a special love for the New York Giants and owned a seat for many years. He was also a member of the Swordfish Beach Club and the Westhampton Yacht Squadron.

Gilhooley is survived by his wife Sally, sons James and John, and daughter-in-law Dena.

Services were held at Werner-Rothwell Funeral Home in Westhampton Beach, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial on November 19 at Church of the Immaculate Conception in Westhampton Beach and interment at Westhampton Cemetery.

*In lieu of flowers, the family would appreciate support for Independent Group Home Living in Manorville, [ighl.org](http://ighl.org).*



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## DRESSAGE RIDING IS A PASSION FOR EMILY JACKOWSKI

Horses are beautiful creatures, loved by so many. Emily Jackowski, of Millbrook, NY, competes in dressage riding, and considers these majestic animals to be companions...and teammates! Dressage is a form of horse riding that is often performed in competition. Sometimes, people pursue it just for fun or to become a dressage master. Jackowski does it for both reasons. She's a successful horse rider

who also loves the sport. This year, she and her horse, Havanna, even had a chance to participate in a national dressage event for junior riders. "It's a really interesting sport. It's not something that's easy to understand just by watching it," Jackowski, who's been active in dressage since age 9, said. "But once you know how it works, it's super interesting." It can be quite relaxing to see dressage in action. The

horse seems to gracefully dance and delicately trot, often in time to background music. The goal is to make the moves look as effortless and seamless as possible. "It really is beautiful. It's like a partnership you create with the horse. It's essentially dancing," the young equestrian explained. "It's dancing with your horse instead of a human."

## NATIONAL DRESSAGE YOUTH COMPETITION

There's so much more to dressage than what meets the eye. It requires great skill by both rider and horse, and training for competitions can be very intense. Jackowski trains five to six days a week, usually two to three hours at a time.

Right now, she's training for Young Riders, which is a next up from her current Junior position. To rise up in the ranks, there are specific moves she has to practice, including tempi changes, an exercise in which flying changes of canter lead are put together. (THINK: Horse choreography!) And of course, doing a lot of lateral work and stretching is important, too. In addition to her equine associate, Havanna, Jackowski has two other horses who

are part of her dressage team. "I try to keep my training varied, so I don't drill movements all the time. It's important to keep it interesting for the horse and make sure they're not overworking," she explained. Jackowski's trainer is Wes Dunham, who has trained many horses and riders from training to competition levels. She's currently training at Grand Prix, which is the highest level of dressage. ICYDK: It's also an Olympic sport. As a junior dressage rider, Jackowski participates in FEI divisions. In August, she participated in the FEI North American Youth Championships as one of only four riders selected to represent her region, which consisted of New

York and several New England states. She and Havanna competed as both an individual and team. During her individual competition, she ranked 7 out of 30. During the same month, she competed in the prestigious U.S. Dressage Festival of Champions, held in Wayne, IL. Only the top 12 junior dressage riders in the country are invited to compete in the junior division for the national title. She and Havanna galloped into 6th place. "It was great. It was my first time being there. Just taking in the whole environment was great. All of the top riders for the U.S. are there. You get to watch, not even just compete. It's quite amazing," she said.

## ABOUT JACKOWSKI'S HORSES

Jackowski's horses live in a local dressage barn, where, when they're not competing, they relax, play, and just enjoy their down time. Jackowski, who loves animals, stresses that it's important to treat the horses with love, care and respect. "We're on equal terms. We're teammates," she said. "I treat them with respect, and some of the horses I ride have much more experience than I do. It's almost like your horse is your mentor in a way. Even though they can't speak, they can tell you things from how they're behaving

or how they're reacting. Being aware of that is very important for the sport." Dressage has helped Jackowski in areas of her life outside of riding, as sports often do for young people. Motivation and care and respect for animals are just some of Jackowski's key take-aways from dressage. "It's taught me a lot about discipline and being compassionate," she said. "It's taught me a lot about sticking with something. It's all about the time and energy you put in to make something happen. It's taught me a lot

about animals, people and feelings." Jackowski has a deep connection with all of her horses. She recalled how sad she was about two years ago when one of her horses passed away. "It's always very sad when something happens to them. Horses have a long lifespan, about 20-25 years. So, you expect to be with them for a long time. When they're young and something happens to them, it's especially sad," she said.

## FUTURE PLANS

Jackowski plans on attending college and will probably major in business, she explained, adding that she'd also like to further her dressage career. "I would want to go to a world championship, but the Olympics are awesome too," she enthusiastically said. To learn more about dressage riding or Emily's story, visit her website at [emilyjackowskidressage.com](http://emilyjackowskidressage.com).

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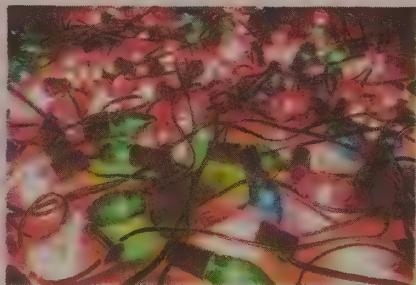
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Decorating the interior and exterior of a home is a beloved holiday season tradition in millions of households. Such décor makes it easy to dive into the festive nature of the season.

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### BUY SAFE LIGHTS

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### DON'T PINCH CHORDS

Stringing lights can be a hassle, but cords should never be pinched in doors or windows or beneath furniture. Doing so increases the risk of damage to the cord, which in turn increases the likelihood of fire.

### AVOID OVERLOADING CIRCUITS

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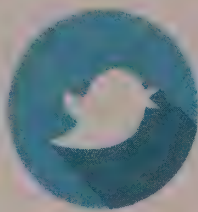


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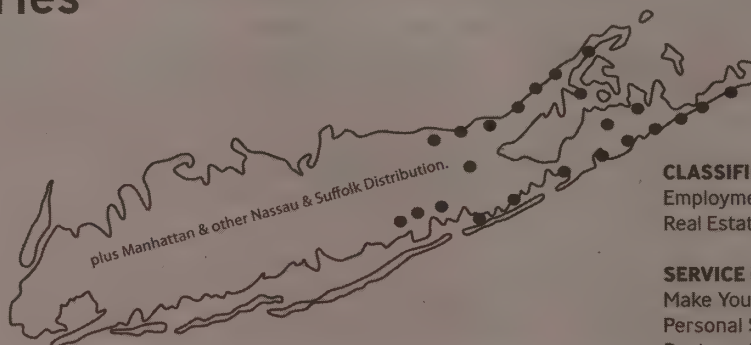
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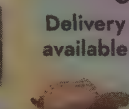
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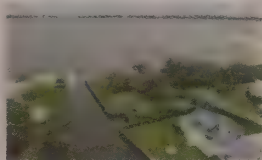
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# HIGH PROFILE

## Michael Dessart: Christmas House President

BY TODD SHAPIRO

There's a new "Father Christmas," in town named Michael Dessart. A longtime executive and senior vice president at HBO, Dessart has begun a new endeavor to bring Long Islanders holiday cheer, as the president of Christmas House US.

Christmas House US is a Long Island-based company that owns and operates interactive Christmas experiences at malls across New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania. Launched just two years ago with its flagship location at the Smith Haven Mall in Lake Grove, the company's rapid expansion has now placed its Christmas Houses in some of the nation's largest retail shopping centers, like the King of Prussia Mall in Pennsylvania and the Paramus Park Mall in New Jersey. Christmas House will also be offered in Westchester County, just a short trip from New York City at The Westchester in White Plains.

Bringing in Dessart is seen as a major move for Christmas House, says the company's owner, Justin Schwartz, who touts Dessart's experience in set-building and innovative technologies that create a once-in-a-lifetime attraction for people of all ages to embrace the holiday spirit.

Dessart's mark has been felt immediately at Christmas House's various locations, which now offer 10 rooms for guests to stop, take pictures and even have an indoor snowball fight.

"Having Michael join and lead our team as president has been infinitely valuable," Schwartz says. "With more than a decade of experience as senior vice president of HBO, and numerous years prior helping businesses like ours grow, he brings Christmas House a wealth of knowledge, skills and talent that has facilitated our rapid expansion. The quality of our attractions has improved from excellent to world-class, which puts smiles on the faces of those we serve."

With the tech and production savvy brought to Christmas House by Dessart, the interface with patrons has been much expanded. As expected, the exhibits display scenery that is classic and nostalgic of the Christmas season, like fireside Christmas trees, the North Pole and Santa's workshop.

However, thanks to Dessart, patrons can now experience the scenery from their favorite Christmas movies, like *Elf* and *The Nightmare Before Christmas*, as well as the *Harry Potter* films.

Christmas House has also revived the now-extinct experience of visiting a Blockbuster Video, with the Christmas section of the store in one room, for old-timers to return to their younger years by picking out their favorite holiday movie on VHS or DVD from the iconic blue and yellow shelving.

Each themed room is interactive, making visitors feel as if they are actually in the holiday film. Whether it's encountering Buddy the elf, Jack Skellington or the festive world of Hogwarts, Christmas House is far more than just colored lights and tinsel.

"Teaming with Justin and Christmas House has been a rewarding experience for me, moving from a big corporation to a rapidly expanding company," Dessart says. "This is an exciting move. Justin's creativity, combined with my experience, complement each other in a way that is rarely seen."

"I've worked with companies with ample resources as well as smaller businesses, and in my capacity at Christmas House, I understand that creativity is necessary on the customer experience side, while also operating the business from the ground up," he continues. "From creating new products, like HBO streaming services, to creating an interactive customer experience at Christmas House, the many parallels between my previous career and this new role present a challenge, where I am able to use a background of strategic and operational planning to help us conquer."

When asked about expectations this year, Dessart says that he expects 2022 to bring a record number of people to the Christmas village. Despite inflation and economic strain, the company has maintained its prices from last year to ensure that the holiday experience is affordable.

During a period where 51% of Americans expect to pay more for less this holiday, Dessart believes that the Christmas spirit is here, infectious and will make Christmas House Long Island a destination for those seeking to boost holiday cheer.



MICHAEL DESSART

"At Christmas House, we aim to bring a festive holiday experience to all who come through our doors," he says. "There's nothing better than bringing smiles to the faces of parents and children alike. Our attraction has something for everyone, whether it be the Blockbuster room or the North Pole room where it is snowing."

"If you could imagine mini TV or movie sets, that's the experience we are looking to share," he says. "We have partnered with Hollywood and Broadway set designers and builders to bring an experience like no other to Long Island, Westchester, New Jersey and Pennsylvania."

Christmas House has branded itself as the nation's top fully indoor Christmas attraction. Doors opened on Friday, November 18, and the attractions will be operational through early January. With other locations across the continental Northeast opening just after Thanksgiving on Black Friday, the organization believes that the flow of participants will increase with the holiday shopping season.

"From a business perspective, the hope is that people will love this so much that we will continue to expand to additional markets in future holiday seasons," Dessart says of his goals for the company. "As malls are trying to reimagine themselves, our experience fits right in with the strategy for many. We aren't dependent on the weather,

people can set a date and plan to come any time, and our guests will know they will be able to enjoy the experience at any point throughout the season."

While Long Island is where the company cut its teeth and has received support from the hometown crowd, its expansion has been warmly welcomed in the new regions across the Northeast. Dessart says that this is encouraging and signals big things to come.

"Having been a resident of both Long Island and Westchester, and knowing both areas quite well, we have seen a very positive reception for both our Halloween experience, which we just concluded, and we are already seeing the excitement for the Christmas season and Christmas House," he says.

While some may believe that the end is near for large-scale shopping centers, it is organizations like Christmas House, and people like Michael Dessart, that are expanding their horizons. If Dessart's enthusiasm and determination are any indication, the future looks as bright as Rudolph's nose.

To book your visit, preview the exhibits or find more information, visit [christmashouselongisland.com](http://christmashouselongisland.com)

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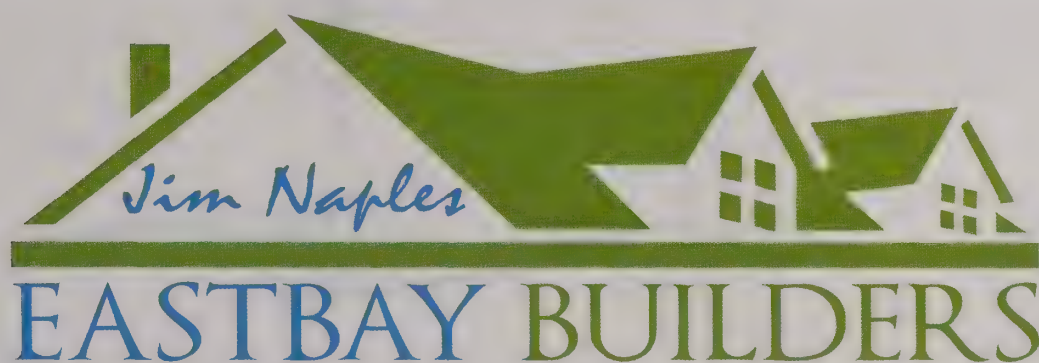
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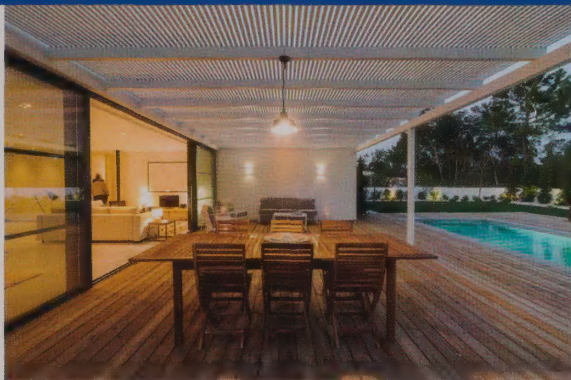
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